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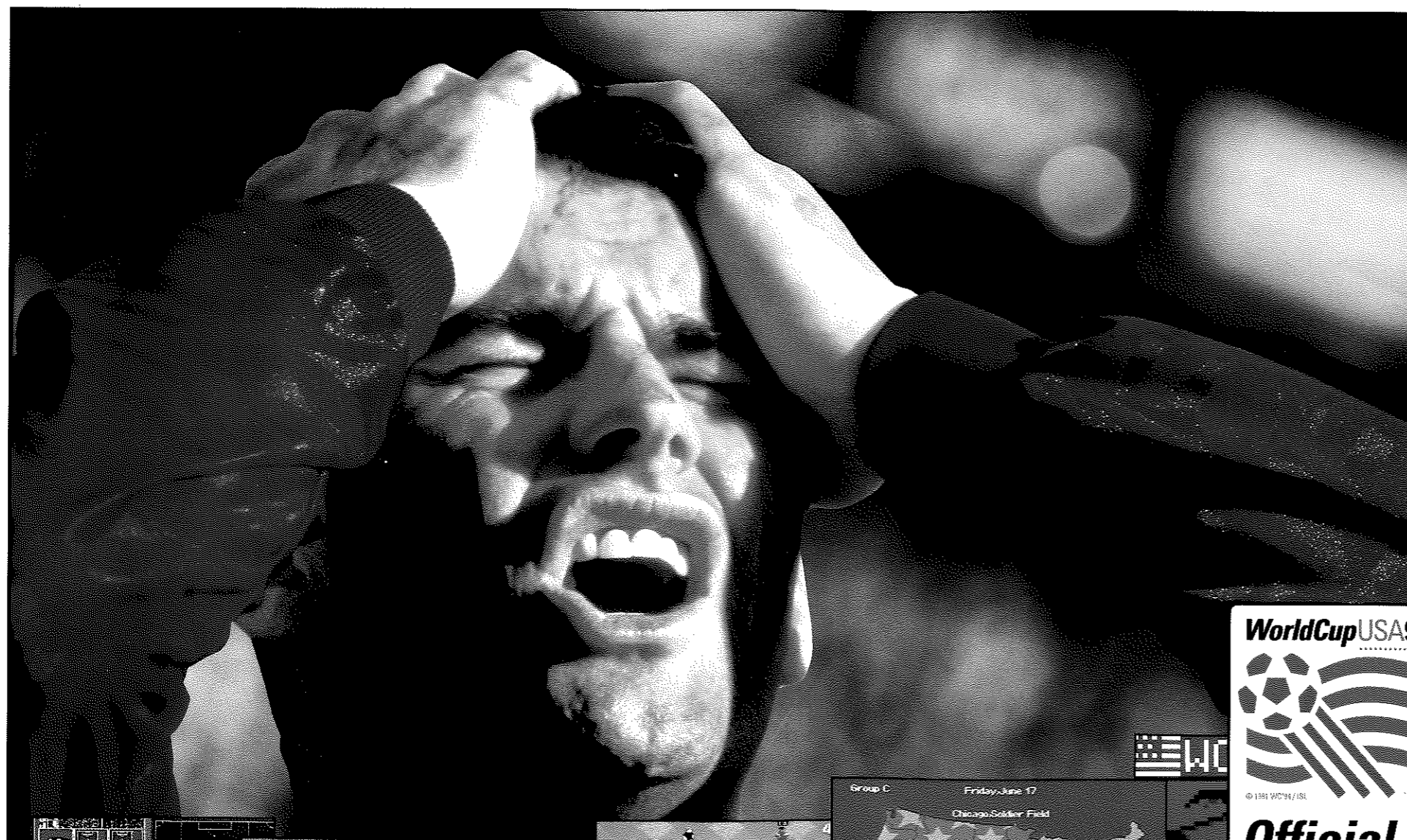
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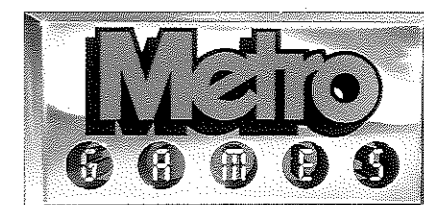
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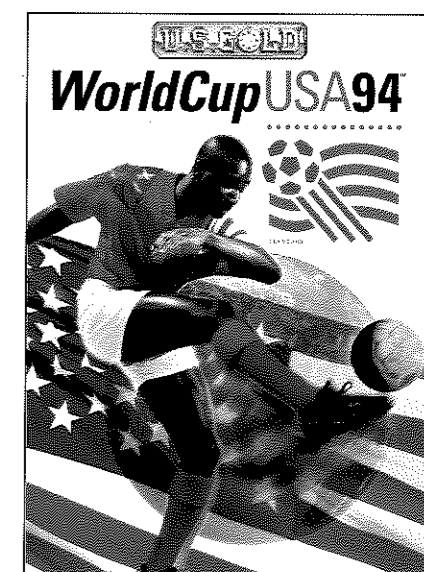
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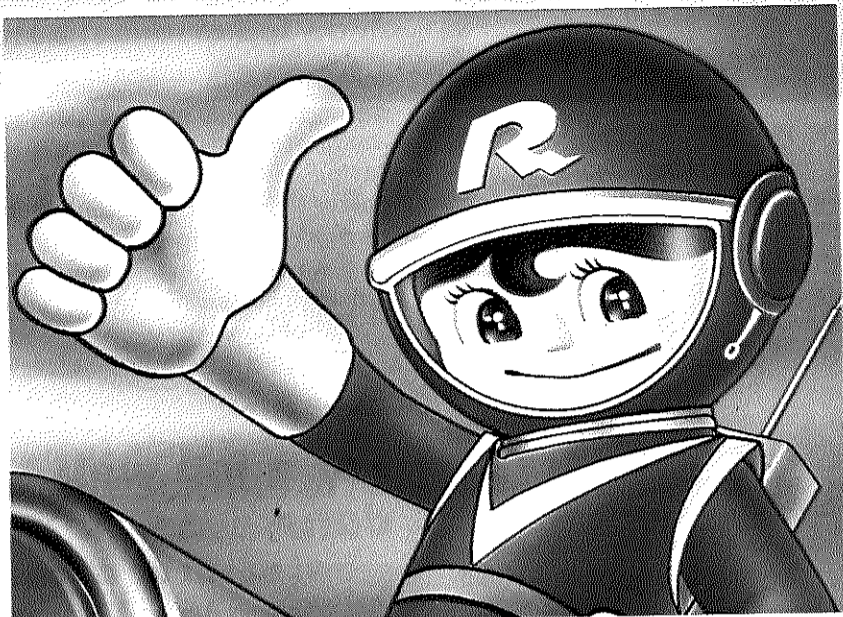
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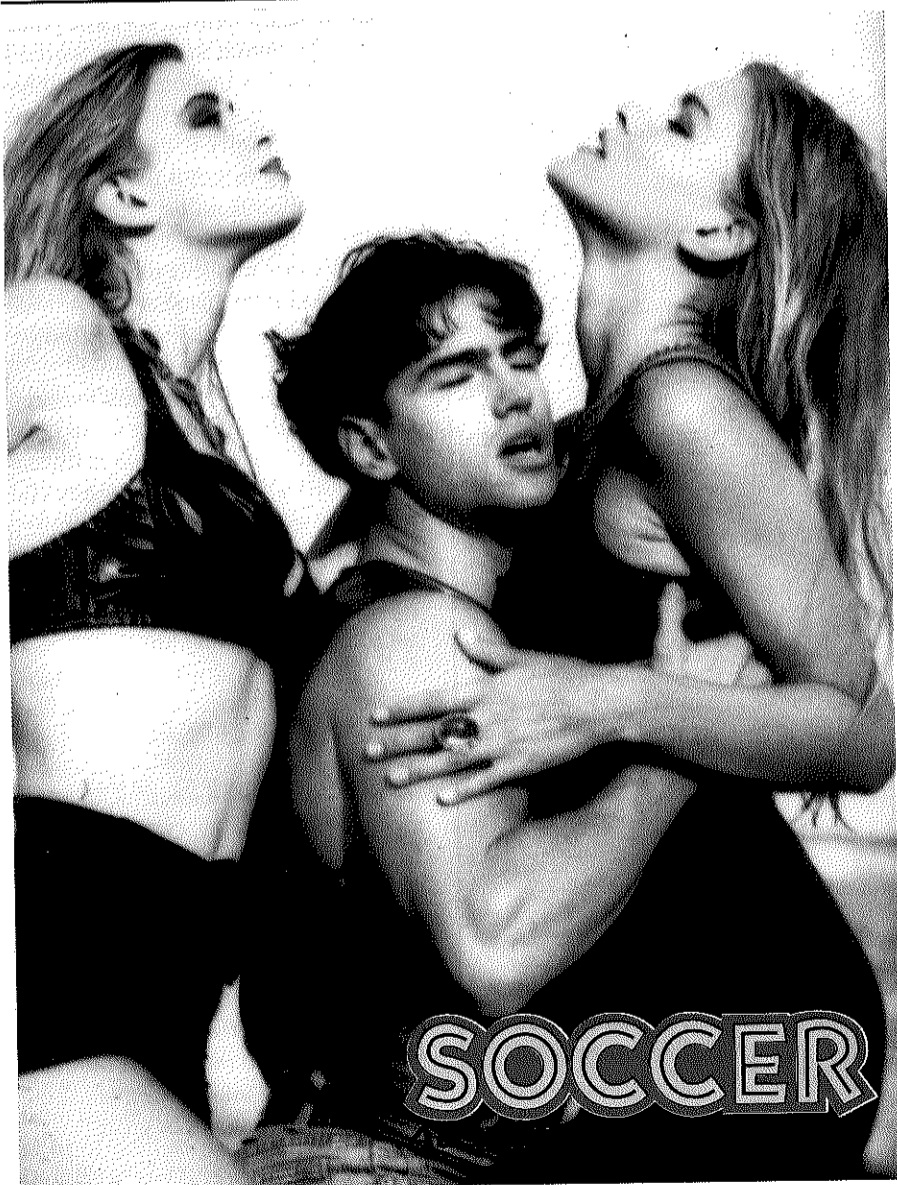
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## Summer Soccer camp - a terrific idea

Recently my son Douglas attended the Summer Soccer Camp. I am writing to compliment you and your staff on a most successful and well organised camp. According to Doug and the others boys the camp was worth going to and he intends coming back next year.

Doug has come back from the camp a much more confident player and feels he learnt a great deal. He had nothing but praise for the coaching staff whom he felt were most competent and positive in their approach.

It was great to hear that Directors from the "Wolves" took the time to go out to the University to see what the boys were doing and the Physio also spoke to them.

At the registration I was most impressed with the efficiency of you and your staff in registering, placing in accommodation and having the boys on the field before I left. I felt after this that

it would be a worthwhile camp and I was not disappointed nor was Doug.

I felt the report was a great idea as in most camps the parents never have any feed back and we never know what the ability of the child is.

Thank you to you and your staff and we will see you again next year.

Marilynne Barton.

## No Ethnicity

I am all for ethnic name changes, well that's what started me going to Australian soccer and Sydney United. But what I would like to say is this, I do feel for all the ethnic clubs and supporters. Soccer in this country has to improve, name changes show this.

But I am not fully satisfied with things. I know and have been told, you can't just change names and logos and expect 10,000 people to watch a game overnight. Soccer has to wait for about 5 good years to get that many to every game. This year Sydney Olympics move to Leichhardt has crowd averages 4,500 to 5,000 a game. I believe if they change their name and logo, then we would see

I am amazed at how a greek flag

exists on the badges of South Melbourne and Heidelberg United, and Australian soccer has changed they say. There was so much pressure put on Sydney United to change their logo badge, that if they didn't they were threatened with "getting the boot". Yet we see Italian (boomerang) colours on the Marconi and Adelaide City flags. I realise Marconi will never "get the boot", but the name itself just sounds Italian, perhaps if the ASF was serious, then they would stop it and perhaps call it Fairfield City, for example.

So when I hear reports of teams to be axed because we need quality not quantity, what a joke, no wonder this statement is around, with teams like BUSC giving the rest of the clubs to improve their position and teams like Morwell putting 11 men in their own half in Sydney to grab a draw, no wonder no one watches it. Boot out 2 Sydney clubs and Melbourne then who gives a heck whether Marconi plays Wollongong or Adelaide City, the affected clubs would be out and supporters move on to other sports, like I would if Sydney United got the boot.

With a clearly visible Greek flag on a logo, the average Australia would say

"Bloody Wogball". What soccer badly needs however, is marketing. Selling the game not kicking clubs out. I should be able to walk into a sports store, or even K-Mart and get myself any club jersey, flag or scarf. Look at Rugby and A.F.L., they sell gear, even in the off season at stores like K-Mart, while for soccer it is a case of contacting the club, it is just disgraceful.

Marketing soccer is would increase crowds. T.V. commercials, showing CCSL pictures and goals, not showing Hollands goal in Euro '88 and saying "come and see Australian Soccer". Keep the clubs, but sell the game, then you will see crowds flock in.

Anyhow, "Come on you reds", Sydney United, exciting lads aren't they?

New fan

John Hughes  
Sydney NSW.

## For a job well done

Dear Sir,

I am writing to congratulate both yourself and your staff on an excellent Australian soccer magazine. Your magazine is of high quality in both photographs and articles. It is the first time I have actually purchased an issue of 'Soccer Australia', the one being issue 9 for 1993. I bought the magazine without hesitation because it had three articles that were of interest to me. I had been waiting for the issue to be released to see if it featured the Socceroos world cup qualifiers and it did.

You not only presented the national team in a six page layout of quality action shots, but also included a fantastic diary written by Paul Wade before the match in Sydney, which I enjoyed reading immensely. This type of article is interesting to the Socceroo fan who can only dream of what it would be like to not only captain the national soccer team on home soil, but to also be the 'minder' for probably the world's most magical player. I only hope that 'Soccer Australia' can provide another article such as this in future issues.

I also liked the way you featured two CCSL clubs, including a full page team photo. The Sydney United feature was another that made me buy the magazine, since I am a fan.

Thank you and congratulations on a fine publication and may you keep up the magnificent work!

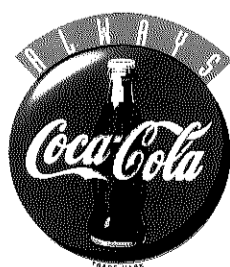
Miss Kylie Latham  
(Age 14)

## Calendars are hot

I'm writing in response to No 9, 1993 'Calender Girls'. There are many girls who buy this magazine and there are a lot of Hot Soccer players, so to the list which was written, could you add, Mark Bosnich and the Vidmar brothers. Include with the info about them some posters (full size), would be great.

Thanks,

J.K.H.



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**Kuzmanovic and Ivanovic were club mates briefly at Radnicki Nis about eight years ago, before Ivanovic moved on to Red Star Belgrade. "Had Ivanovic not come to Australia, he could have played for any of the best clubs in Europe," Kuzmanovic said. He agreed that their styles were similar, adding: "I am honoured that people compare me with such a great player. LAURIE SCHWAB of "The Age" Melbourne reports on these two "magnificent men".**

**L**ACHLAN Armstrong of Morwell Falcons has blunted the claws of the Brunswick Pumas by scoring after only 11 minutes.

Cue Aleksander Kuzmanovic. If he's as good as they say he is, maybe he can raise a roar to get the Pumas going again.

It's 15 minutes in and here he comes - through the midfield, gliding, balanced, deliberate. On his right, Ross Aloisi and Seb Emmanuele are making runs forward. He picks his spot. Lest there be any doubt, he points to that spot like a snooker shark nominating the pockets. His delivery is spot-on, the ball inviting either player to connect and score. Regrettably, Falcon defender George Hannah is the first to swoop and the danger passes. Back in his sweeper's role, Kuzmanovic commits an error that momentarily makes a lie of his reputation. In possession and looking cool, he suddenly dithers and loses the ball to Aleksander Djordjevic, an opponent of old in the Yugoslav first division. Djordjevic motors down the right touchline, with Kuzmanovic chasing in vain, and spears the ball low into the path of Armstrong. Goalkeeper Jim Kourtis comes to the rescue with a courageous dive, saving the Pumas, saving face for Kuzmanovic.

Such a mistake can spark a monologue of confrontation in the head of a lesser player: "This is it. I'm an idiot. They're laughing at me. Next week I'll be dropped. OK, I'm not taking any more chances. I'll keep out of the way of the ball. I'll kick it only if I have to."

But Kuzmanovic is no loser. His way of dealing with errors is not only to correct them but to bury them under mountains of gold.

Here he is providing the first nugget - a foray into attack, riding a ballistic tackle from Shaun Parton. More glint of gold as he shows the ball to Djordjevic and Sonny Sevin, then drags it away from both of them, zig-zagging along the left touchline.

Now he's on the opposite flank, feeding Emmanuele with a pass that is turned into a cross for Aloisi - Brunswick's best scoring chance of the first half.

# Tale of Two Cities



Aleksander Kuzmanovic and Milan Ivanovic

Then he crunches Argentine strong-man Claudio Canosa who leaps to his feet in pain and threatens Kuzmanovic nose to nose, eyeball to eyeball. Our man remains poker-faced, staring down his opponent icily, turning laconically and ambling away, only to be called back by the referee and shown the yellow card.

Ten minutes to go and Kuzmanovic has abandoned his sweeper's position, remaining in midfield, trying everything he knows to conjure a goal. A mathematically-contrived pass to Aloisi carves out an opening. Aloisi returns the favour, Kuzmanovic shoots low but goalkeeper Steve Mautone pounces. Morwell wins but the Pumas are gallant in defeat, none more so than Aleksander Kuzmanovic, for whom times certainly have changed since those early weeks in Australia when he was so disappointed with the mess at Brunswick that he almost caught the first plane back home. He is being compared with Adelaide City's Milan Ivanovic now. Could he eventually succeed Ivanovic as sweeper of the national team?

The word from Ivanovic is: yes, he can. "Kuzmanovic is one of the best players to come here from Yugoslavia. I came here when I was 28; he's 27, so I can't see any reason why he couldn't play for the Coca Cola Socceroos."

Kuzmanovic would welcome the chance. "If I play well, maybe the national coach will notice me," he said. "It would be a dream - representing three countries. Already, I have played for the Yugoslav under 19 team and for the United Arab Emirates against Bayern Munich."

Both have rubbed shoulders with some of Europe's best, Ivanovic playing European Cup ties against AC Milan and Kuzmanovic representing Yugoslavia about 15 times at under 20 level in the company of Dragan Stojkovic (Red Star, Marseilles), Dejan Savicevic (AC Milan) and Arisa Asanovic (Hajduk Split).

Recalling his clashes with Marco van Basten, Ruud Gullitt, Frank Rijkaard and the other virtuosos who made up the Milan team, Ivanovic said: "In the first leg, in Italy, we were leading 1-0 after a goal by Savicevic but after 55 min-

utes, the game was called off because of fog.

"We had a crowd of 95,000 that night and they all came back when we played again the following night. We drew 1-1 in Milan and again in Belgrade, after extra time. Then we lost on penalties. It was very disappointing."

But he has experienced nothing but elation since coming to Australia five years ago, on the recommendation of Dragoslav Sekularac who was then with Red Star and now coaches Heidelberg United.

In 1990-91, Ivanovic was named Australian player of the year, won three media awards, was naturalised and included in the national team. He has since played 35 games for Australia.

He is 33 now, so his International career is nearing its end. "I feel good physically but I might not have many games left in the national team because Australia has some great young players pushing for my position - Ned Zelic, Paul Okon, Steve Horvat," he said.

Kuzmanovic has another of his former Radnicki Nis team-mates, Blagoje Kuleski of Marconi, to thank for his move to Australia. Kuleski recommended Kuzmanovic to Marconi coach Frank Arok but because Arok already had his quota of three visa players, he passed on Kuzmanovic to the then Brunswick coach, John Margaritis.

"Because of all the political trouble in Yugoslavia, I wanted a change but it was very difficult getting a contract in Europe, not only because so many Yugoslavs were on the market but also because I had just returned from playing in the United Arab Emirates and the feeling was that anyone who played there couldn't be much good," Kuzmanovic said.

How wrong they were. Kuzmanovic had been so influential in Oman that his club, Sur, won the Sultan's Cup. Sur's other major influences had been the former New York Cosmos coach, Eddie Firmani, and striker David Glavovski from Yugoslav club Rad.

The prejudice in Europe against players coming from so-called backwater countries would mitigate also against Brunswick's Ransford Banini where he not Ghanaian, Kuzmanovic said. "With a bit of luck he can be the best player in Australia - worth maybe \$4 million or \$5 million on the European market. And a European club would give him a good contract because he is from Ghana, not from Australia, and because many other Ghanaian players have been successful there. On the other hand, no-one would give an Australian a million dollars."

He has no doubts, however, that the elite Australian players deserve to have riches lavished on them - Mark Viduka and Steve Corica in particular. He also expressed admiration for Paul Trimboli, Glenn Johnson and Jason Polak.

But in the Asia-Oceania region, Australian domestic soccer was being left behind by the leagues of Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, the Gulf States and, increasingly, China.

"In those countries, money is invested heavily in soccer and commercial television is involved, which means sponsors have the sort of exposure they demand and young people are inspired to follow and to play the sport," he said.

"If Australian soccer is to make a major move forward, it must get the support of commercial television."

**Surname:** Kusmanovic  
**Christian names:** Alex  
**Date of Birth:** 12th February 1966  
**Residential Status:** Yugoslavian  
**Occupation:** Full Time Player  
**Current C.C.S.L.:** Melbourne Busc  
**Year joined:** 1993  
**Previous Football history:** Kiornicki Nis, 85-92 Yugoslavia



**Surname:** Ivanovic  
**Christian names:** Milan  
**Residential Status:** Naturalised  
**Date of Birth:** 21st December 1960  
**Occupation:** Full Time Player  
**Current C.C.S.L.:** Adelaide City  
**Year joined:** 1989  
**Previous Football history:** Redstar, 85-89 Yugoslavia



# Profile

## STH MELBOURNE

by kyle patterson

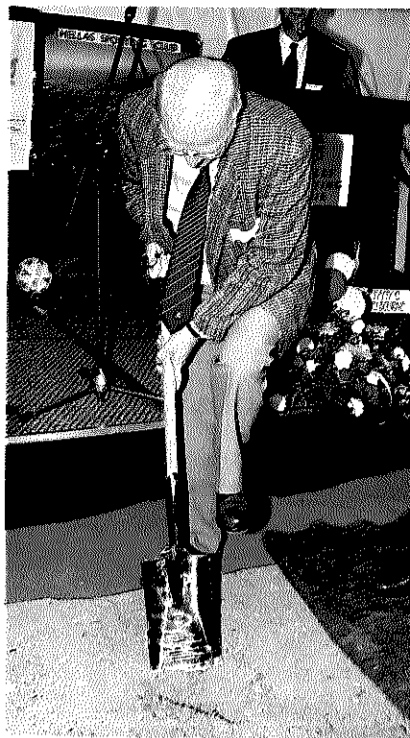
**In time the most significant event of South Melbourne's 1993-94 season may turn out to be a ceremony far removed from a Francis Awaritefe goal or a Mehmet Durakovic dash.**

On 16 January two politicians smiled for the cameras and chipped away at the hard clay on an embankment at Middle Park. This symbolic turning of the first sod in a \$2 million building project marks the biggest change in the club's history.

South Melbourne is going into the professional sports business, and there's no turning back. The huge investment in the Middle Park facility commits the club to long-term planning and corporate decision-making. South Melbourne will have to think like a business to stay in business. An exciting era beckons.

It's long overdue. For too long this sporting giant has been content to make only small steps in progress. The loyal support of Melbourne's Greek community made South Melbourne wealthy and secure; maybe too cosy for South's own good. While the club was able to rule the roost in Melbourne, clubs in Sydney and Adelaide were the pioneers of professionalism in Australian soccer.

In the past five years, South Melbourne has closed the gap. Today the club has two full-time officers to handle marketing and administration. The board, led by George Vasilopoulos,



Hon. Clyde Holding MP

is the essence of stability in a club that has known a tumultuous past. A younger generation of supporters is taking on key roles in the club and promoting fresh ideas.

But the grand idea of a professional club will take root in the turning of that first sod. Middle Park, after decades of decay disguised only by a fresh coat of paint, will become a modern soccer stadium. To pay for the renovations, the club will pursue an aggressive marketing plan. Poker machines, restaurants and bars will generate the revenue that will inevitably flow to soccer activities. Players will join coaches on the payroll full-time. Every facet of the club's activities will be treated professionally and the potential that has lain dormant for so long will be unleashed. If it sounds a lot like Club Marconi today, it's not coincidental. South Melbourne will soon be taking giant steps to catch and surpass the very best.

The competitive spirit that fuels Kevin Muscat's fire is a volatile mix with a short fuse. The South Melbourne defender has a ferocious desire to win and, sometimes, the fuse ignites. "Always, from the time I was young, I've gone in hard for the ball," says Muscat. "I get mixed up in a lot of things, with the physical stuff, maybe because I want to win so much. Any sport is about winning."

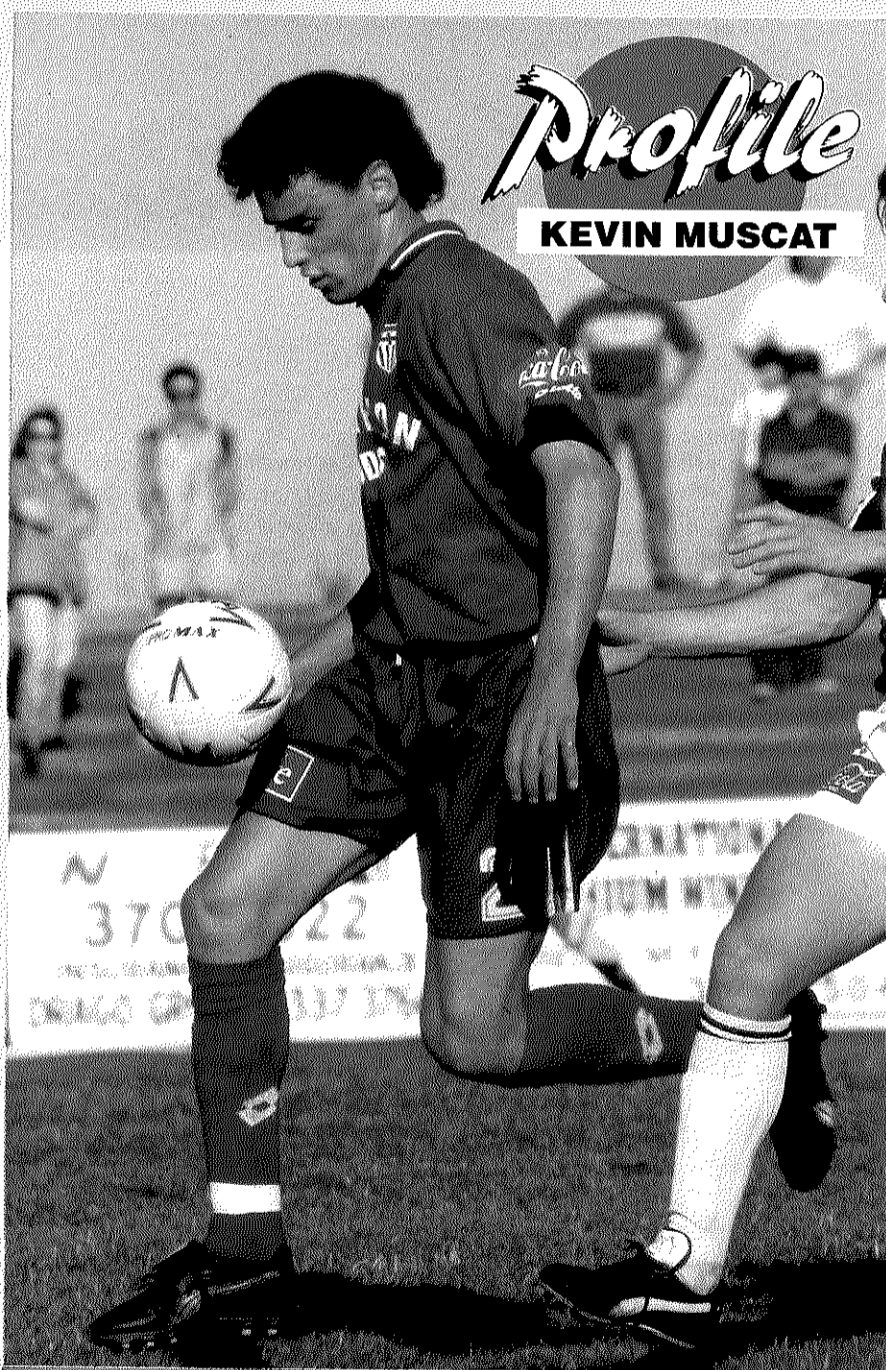
The 20-year-old Muscat admits his temper can get the better of him, but he's working on keeping his cool. A series of suspensions, including a two-game ban after a trial-by-video incident, have forced him to curb his aggressive instincts.

Not that Muscat is about to mellow. Throughout his whirlwind career the tearaway from Melbourne's west has gone full-bore. Yet one battle Muscat did lose made him what he is today. As a teenage midfielder Muscat was sent to the A.I.S. in Canberra, where coach Ron Smith intended to knock the rough edges off Muscat's game. But the cocky kid from Sunshine George Cross wasn't ready for what Smith had in mind.

"Ron was the coach who converted me into a defender," recalls Muscat. "But I couldn't get used to the idea, and I was always asking Ron when I could go back to midfield. He told me to stick at it and it finally worked out for me. If it wasn't for that I don't think I would have played in the '91 World Youth Cup finals."

It was only by chance that Muscat was spotted for the youth team. Eddie Thomson was in Canberra with an Coca Cola Olyroo squad, but a few defenders couldn't make it to the training camp. Muscat, then just 17 years of age, was brought in to make up the numbers. He did much more than that. He trained strongly and then came on as a sub in a friendly match against the Malaysian Olympic team. Les Scheinflug was alerted to Muscat's talent and maturity and the rest is history.

Muscat was the youngest member of the '91 Coca Cola Young Socceroos, who made the semi-finals in Portugal. His natural leadership and experience made him an automatic choice as captain of the '93 Young Socceroos. Who can forget the heart-breaking scenes that followed Australia's



## Profile

### KEVIN MUSCAT

Surname: Muscat  
Christian names: Kevin  
Date of Birth: 7th August 1973  
Occupation: Full Time Player  
Hobbies/Interests:

Current Playing Position: Defender  
Current C.C.S.L.: South Melbourne  
Year joined: 92/93

**PREVIOUS FOOTBALL HISTORY:**  
Previous Club/s Year/s There  
Sunshine George Cross  
Heidelberg

**REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS:**  
Country or State Year/s  
Australia Youth Team 91/93  
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semi-final loss to Brazil? Muscat, tears streaming down his cheeks, applauding the sell-out Melbourne crowd for their support. Muscat was shattered; winning is all that matters to him.

Kevin Muscat will get another shot at international glory when the Coca Cola Olyroos take aim at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. The tough full back is held in high regard by the national coaching hierarchy. It would be no surprise if he were named Olyroo captain. But for now Muscat is focussed on the Coca Cola Soccer League championship. Like everyone at South Melbourne, Muscat has something to prove after last season's play offs debacle.

"There's a lot of experience in the team, but at the end of the day we have to be hungry enough for the championship, to want to win the Grand Final so bad," he says. "The ability is there, no question, but we have to find the hunger."

Muscat figures that Melbourne Knights and Adelaide City are the clubs South Melbourne must overcome to win the championship. He has one big reason for hoping Marconi's challenge fades away.

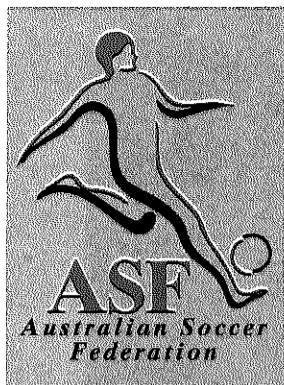
"Steve Corica of Marconi is so hard to mark," says Muscat, wincing as he recalls the 8-0 aggregate drubbing handed out by Marconi last April.

"When he runs at you there's no way you can hope to stay with him and then get a tackle in. When he's running you struggle. The only way is to stop him when he first gets the ball, and that's not easy either."

Kevin Muscat's football destiny will surely carry him beyond these shores. Thanks to a quirk of fate (he was born in England of Maltese parents), Muscat will have few hassles playing his trade in Europe. A two-week trial last winter with English First Division club Bolton has given him a taste of professionalism.

Should the Coca Cola Olyroos qualify for the Atlanta Olympics, Muscat will have a great launching pad for a full-time career. His aggressive style is suited to the English game and, make no mistake, Muscat can play a bit, too. There's a fire burning in his belly' watch Kevin Muscat in the play-offs and you'll see one guy having a red hot go!

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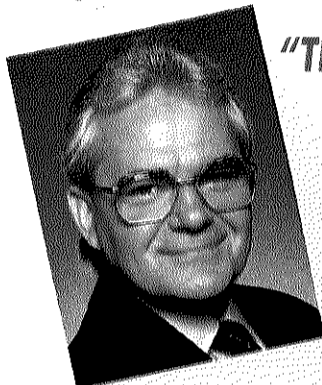


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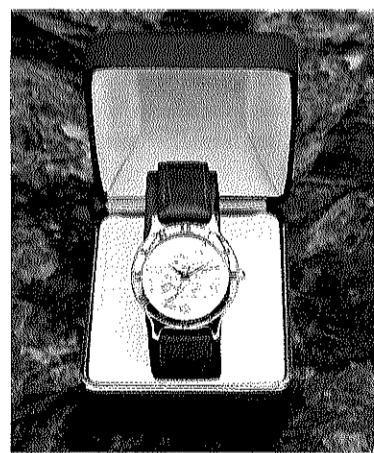
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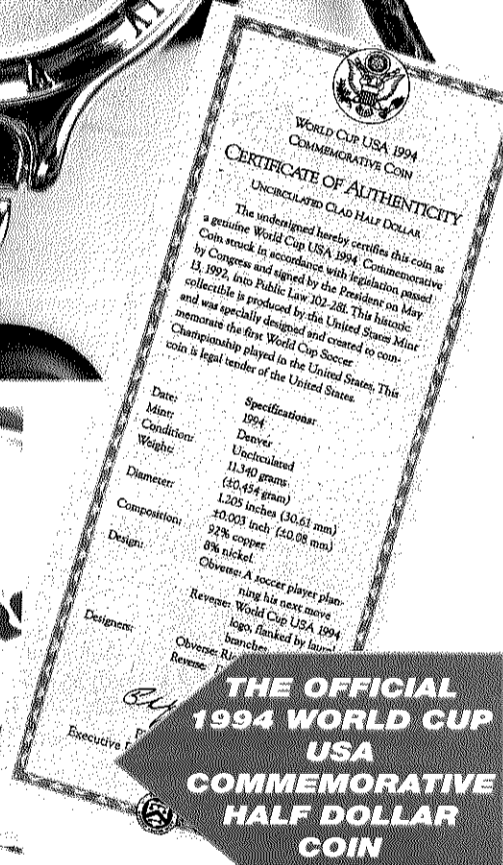


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# MARCONI LEADS THE WAY



by kaye yardin

**T**he Marconi club once again is leading the way in the development of Womens soccer. Not only inside Australia but overseas as well. The all powerful Marconi Womens Team is embarking on a tour of Italy in early 1995.

Ex-Female Socceroo Captain and Marconi Player/Coach Anissa Tann outlines the trip to Italy.

"I recently had the pleasure of spending some time with AC Milan, obviously that was a great Football experience, but while I was there I researched into Italian Womens Soccer and decided that it has to be the ultimate challenge for a progressive club like Marconi to compete in Italy. The Italian Womens National Team reached the Final of the European Womens Cup and a number of players in the Rome area are well paid Professionals. As soon as I returned I just had to meet with the Marconi Soccer Manager, Frank Labbozzetta who thank goodness was as enthusiastic as I was, and even better he will be our Tour Leader, which is ideal due to his local knowledge and his Soccer experience.

The kudos of playing for Marconi is spreading and at recent trials for players, over 70 players turned up. The trials unearthed exciting new talent in Lisa Burns and Tonya Stephens and these new young players will join other talented young players such as Kylie Budini and Slav Orlic in pushing the more established State and International players to the limit.

Tann who is also the Development Officer for the N.S.W. Amateur Soccer Federation says that Womens soccer is booming all over Australia, with registrations in all states on the increase. She says it is a boost to the female game when top CCSI sides such as Marconi, Sydney Olympic, Heidelberg and Melbourne Knights realise the Football and marketing potential of Female soccer and support Female Teams.

Also at the more formal State Federation structures have begun to realise the potential of Female players and have developed elite Youth Squads. Both NSW and Queensland have strong Academy programs, where players are given weight programs, nutrition advice and of most importance top quality coaching. Both States

are in fact using highly qualified ex Female Socceroos, as Coaches, in Leigh Waddell and Connie Byrnes. It's no surprise then that these programs are paying off and both Queensland and NSW dominate State Championships at all ages.

Byrnes said "If other States don't bow to the obvious demand from the female market then the two State domination will continue and strengthen." This argument is mirrored by Robert Wheatley Schools Development officer in the Sydney Morning Herald who said "we are astonished at the number of girls who have joined the sport. In Primary Soccer there are 400 Boys teams and 396 Girls teams and in High Schools 438 Boys teams and 420 Girls teams. This is a massive increase in playing population."

More and more people are being exposed to top

Female Soccer as exhibition Challenge matches are being organised as curtain raisers to CCSI games such as Marconi v Brunswick Pumas. These games help the Marconi players focus on the path to Italy and the training regime that the players have been set in is essence the same time commitment as for a CCSI player, even though the players are still Amateur and will have to pay their way to Italy. Though this is where the Marconi 'Machine' comes into play and it is fully behind them in fundraising and sponsorship.

Who knows, the first fully professional Aussie Abroad may not be far away.

Kay Yardin is an Australian Youth International with a degree in Human Movement. She recently completed as part of her course a 150 hour work experience at the A.S.F.



Above left Kylie Fardell and Kaye Yardin



**M**ention the name and you'll get few arguments that this club based in Sydney's thriving south-west suburbs is instantly recognisable as the biggest force in Australian soccer RAY GATT of the Australian reports.

Of course, those involved with Adelaide City and South Melbourne might quibble about such a statement, but, in reality, neither well run club can approach the stature of this truly amazing club.

If ever there was a success story in Australian soccer then Marconi is it.

Both on and off the field, the Fairfielders have made such giant strides that they are now being compared with some of the more affluent rugby league clubs in New South Wales.

Anyone who has visited the magnificent licensed club in Bossley Park will attest to the standing Club Marconi now has in the local as well as the general community.

The club recently spent \$12 million to renovate its premises and the result is absolutely stunning. And, that's not to mention the superb Marconi Stadium which adjoins the club.

There is little doubt the ground is one of the best soccer set-ups in the country and there are plans to expand it to include another grandstand to accommodate some games during the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

The club does outstanding trade in bar sales, poker machines and dining and bistro. As well it has incredible turnover through its three TAB terminals and three Keno outlets. Not surprisingly, the club won the award for the biggest Keno turnover last year.

If Club Marconi is a huge success off the field, then they are equally as successful on it. The club has a proud record in the national league, having won the title four times.

Three of those championships have come in the last six years. Under Bertie Mariani they won the title in 1988 - the last year of winter soccer for the national league then won the championship the very next season - the first of summer soccer.

And, people forget they almost made it three in a row except they were beaten 1-0 by Sydney Olympic in the 1989-90 season.

Of course, under Frank Arok, the club returned to its mantle of Kings of Australian soccer last season when they beat Adelaide City 1-0 in the grand final at Parramatta Stadium.

Things have not gone so smoothly for the Fairfielders this season. They have struggled for most of the year though they can never be discounted as a championship threat.

Despite rumblings of discontent over the coaching style of former Socceroo coach Arok, Marconi, as is usual, is a club which tries to disassociate itself with talk of sacking coaches.

Unlike other clubs, it prefers to see out a season with a coach before making changes after season's end.

And that is what Marconi is all about ... stability.

It is something social club President Tony Labbozzetta has instilled in the club during his so far incredibly successful tenure.

Mr Labbozzetta, who is also an Australian Soccer Federation commissioner, has been one of the driving



Steve Corica - striker

# Marconi

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forces behind the club's emergence over the last decade.

His influence in the game at all levels is undoubted and is testimony to the hunger for work, determination and will to succeed, of the man.

Another man who is involved in many facets of the Football club is Frank Labbozzetta who in the past has played the role of the secretary and manager of the team. Frank has a good reputation with his peers, a forthright manner and a strong opinion on the game.

Despite the obvious success of the

club, there is no way it will rest on its laurels.

The soccer committee is also working tirelessly to keep the blossoming Marconi soccer juniors at the forefront. The juniors, like the seniors, have an enormous reputation and are among the most feared teams in the State.

The Marconi Soccer Academy, a brainchild of Arok, is expected to pay a handsome dividend for the club. Arok does not mask the fact that he believes that the Academy will produce Australian soccer's

first million dollar player.

And, there is no doubt it could also lead to Marconi becoming the first club to have its players go fully professional.

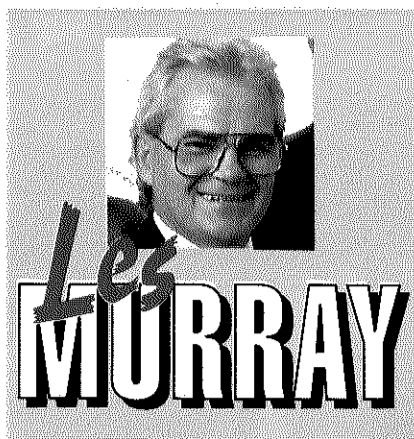
Certainly, it will have the means in the not too distant future to do it and that will only benefit the sport in this country. It needs only one club to make the move and some of the others will have to follow.

And that is why they call Marconi the trend-setters.

# BRESCIA

## FURNITURE

**The squad:** Glenn Johnson, Mike Smith, Mark Schwarzer, Ufuk Talay, Kimon Taliadoros, George Jolevski, Luke Casserly, Blagoja Kuleski, Tony Pezzano, Fabio Macolino, Darren Iocca, Stephen Corica, Andrea Iccardi, Ermanno Pelucchi, Gary Van Egmond, Matthew Bingley, Ian Gray, J.P. De Marigny, Andrew Harper, Tommy McCulloch, Jeromy Harris, Coach: Frank Arok



# NEW ERA

**I**t's crystal ball time. A new era begins when Eddie Thomson announces his squad for the coming winter internationals, notably those two games against South Africa in June.

And in it, one supposes, will be at least some hints about Thomson's long term plan and specifically what kind of tactical formula he wants to pursue and with what players. How, we can boldly ask, will the *Coca-Cola* Socceroo lineup look at the peak of the next World Cup qualifiers in 1997?

Of course much will depend on imponderable factors: Which of the overseas based players Thomson has in his telescope will be available for this series? Which players of the existing lot will quit international duty before 1997? Which will have their career cut short by injury? and which young players will emerge and surge to such heights of form their selection will be mandatory?

Indeed, looking back, Thomson's early selections didn't tell us much about his long term plans. The lineup for his first game in charge, as caretaker against Hajduk Split in June 1990, had only three players who survived through till last year's battles with Argentina: Zabica, Wade and Arnold.

And, I believe, neither Zabica nor even Wade may have been first choices against Argentina had Bosnich, Zelic and Farina been available for both games.

To illustrate the point, this was the team against Hajduk in that one nil win in Sydney; Zabica; Van Egmond, Yankos, Bernal, Tobin, Jolevski, Tapai, Wade, McCulloch: Trimboli, Arnold.

And not much changed in the games that immediately followed. It was only the game against England a full year later that the eventual

## WILL THIS BE THE COCA-COLA SOCCEROO WORLD CUP TEAM IN 1997?

Bosnich

Okon                      Bingley

Tobin                      Lazaridis                      Muscat

Slater                      Zelic

Corica

Viduka                      Agostino

**RESERVES:** Schwarzer, T. Vidmar, Durakovic, A. Vidmar, Veart, Van Blerk, Talay.

***Had we known those two key Thomson preoccupations - the "Lone Ranger" plan and the insistence on the foreign legion - we may have been wiser early.***

Thomson plan began to hatch. Zelic, Durakovic, Tobin, Wade, Arnold and both Vidmar brothers were in the team.

What we didn't know early, even though Thomson did declare his intentions, was to quite what extent he would eventually rely on the European professionals. His final first choice team contained seven of them.

Neither did we know, at the time,

what tactical plan he would have. His renowned and maligned 'one striker' system didn't rear its head until the England game in 1991. Had we known those two key Thomson preoccupations - the "Lone Ranger" plan and the insistence on the foreign legion - we may have been wiser early.

So what will the *Coca-Cola* Socceroo team look like in 1997?

Well let's check first on who is likely to survive from what I believe was Thomson's first choice in 1993 (with no injuries or suspensions): Bosnich; T. Vidmar, Durakovic, Ivanovic, Tobin, Van Blerk; Slater, Zelic, A. Vidmar, Farina and Arnold.

The picture is remarkably good for survivors. Only Ivanovic is certain to go because of his age. In addition Farina has already announced his national team retirement and it is safe to assume that Arnold, 46 caps and three World Cup campaigns behind him (not to say reportedly on his way to the J League),

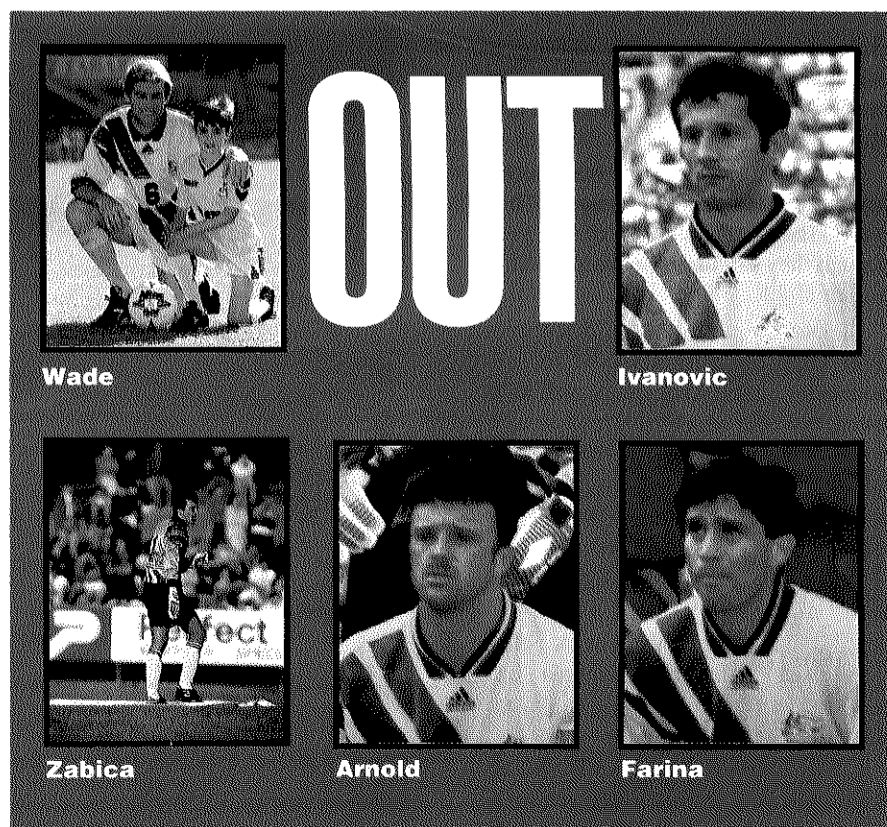
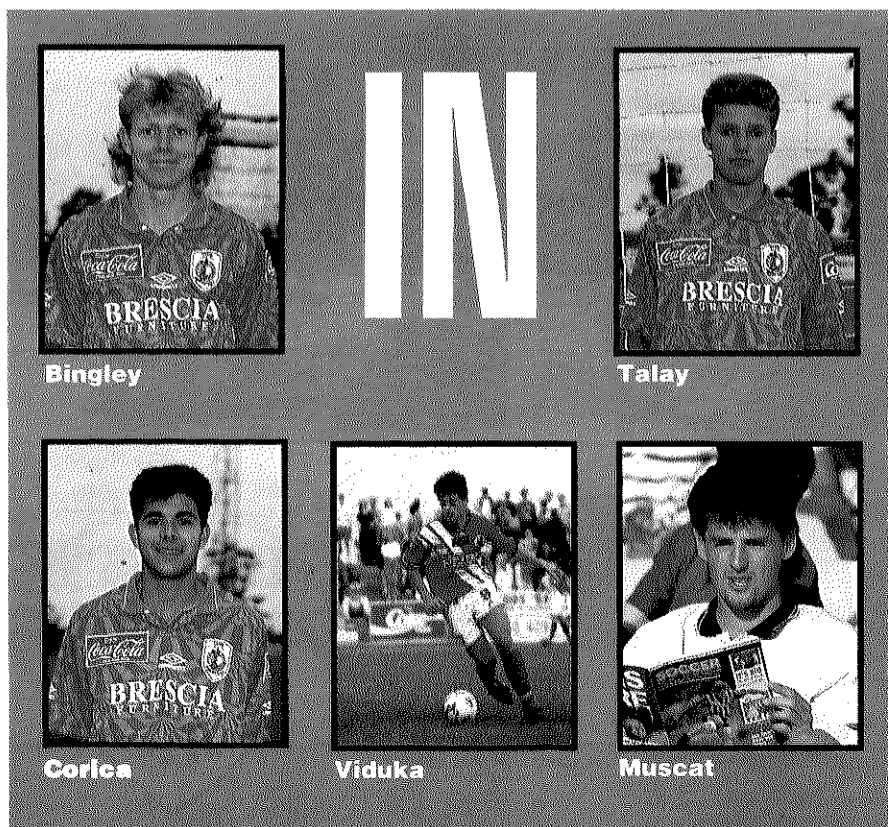
Will choose not to be around in four years time.

Of the others only Durakovic, Tobin and Slater will be on the wrong side of 30 by France '98. Of those three Tobin and Slater will have the least competition for their positions while Durakovic, if he doesn't lose the speed so essential to his game, may well be there as well. As for the rest - Bosnich, the Vidmar brothers, Van Blerk and Zelic - they would all be in Thomson's calculations unless something goes dreadfully wrong with their careers. For example Van Blerk and Aurelio Vidmar are both playing for fairly mediocre European Clubs and their future as top flight pros is not yet guaranteed.

So much for the survivors from '93. What then of the new crop, especially those whose talents make them all but indispensable?

Looking at our rich new wave of talent I can find at least eight players whose selection Thomson will find very hard to resist. Indeed I am sure he has already earmarked places for some of them. They are: Corica, Viduka, Okon, Veart, Lazaridis, Bingley, Agostino and Schwarzer.

There will be others who may emerge in the meantime but the above eight, in my view, are already players of true international class whether they play here or overseas. And it appears it's Thomson's view, too. Apart from Agostino and Viduka all were already in



# SOCCEROOS

his squad against Argentina.

Let's have a look then at the most likely first choice eleven three years from now. But first, what formation? Recent conversations with Eddie Thomson imply that he will discard his one man up front plan. A much richer reservoir of strikers than he had three years ago, he told me, will make this possible.

So to the team. In goal Mark Bosnich it appears is as good a keeper as this country has ever had. He is automatic although if his club priorities again got in the way I am sure Thomson would not lose any sleep over Schwarzer either.

Given that Zelic is now more favoured as playmaker - and probably captain - Paul Okon is the obvious choice at libero. That's where he now plays for Club Bruges and all that is needed is for Thomson to persuade him to return.

I believe Bingley and Tobin will end up as the two stoppers, although Durakovic, if he keeps going, can be bracketed with the immensely talented Bingley, so useful in taking up attacking roles.

The gifted Lazaridis, potentially, is a better player than Van Blerk. I think he will - or should - get the nod for the attacking left back role. Right back is a question mark. Tony Vidmar is more naturally left sided although on the right Kevin Muscat is his only real rival. If Kevin can return to what he once was and curb his physical excess

There is no question Tony Vidmar will be in the squad but you'd have to bracket Muscat with him.

Looking at the midfield choices reveals a temptation to return to the one-striker formula. There are so many top class midfielders available, Thomson may be tempted to use more than the three he would be restricted to if he uses two stoppers, a sweeper and two strikers. Slater, Zelic Corica, Veart and Aurelio Vidmar will all be in contention. Veart, don't forget, has been used as a wide, right-sided midfielder by Thomson before and did very well there. And there's also the talented 'baby' Talay.

But if I read Thomson's hidden sentiments correctly, I think he will go

for a three-man midfield in Slater, Zelic and Corica. Only unforeseen turbulence in the career of Slater - likely to be on the move again - makes me bracket Veart with him.

Up front the choices will be Viduka, Agostino, Veart (as a striker) and Arnold (if he hangs around). It's not an easy choice, even if you have the 'luxury' of using two. Besides, how do we know who will rise to lay better claims? Adrian Cervinski, Pondeljok, Milicic, Cardozo, Boutsianis. What if Ivan Kelic starts banging them in for some top European club? Maybe an improved and more productive Taliedoros. Who knows?

But the first four, I believe, have the best credentials if one wants to gaze three years ahead.

But which two? The best way to the answer is by elimination. Arnold, So much older than the others, is the easiest to prune; he may well just quit the *Coca-Cola* Socceroos, or even be overlooked Veart is much harder to ignore. He has, for me, already arrived and frankly I would have picked him even against Argentina ahead of Farina. He is as quick, as strong, technically better and a superior finisher (his glaring misses in Auckland notwithstanding).

But Veart is a midway player, midway between midfield and the front and it is likely Thomson will groom him more in that role. He may well end up competing with the likes of Slater or Corica than with the strikers.

That leaves Viduka and Agostino, two young men not yet ready to lead the senior *Coca-Cola* Socceroo attack but who I fancy will be by 1997.

And it's a pretty good front fork. Viduka, immensely talented and better technically, the perfect foil for the barnstorming, more athletic Agostino.

So this then would, or should I say will, be the team:

Bosnich; Okon: Muscat, Bingley, Tobin, Lazaridis; Slater, Zelic, Corica; Viduka, Agostino.

And, before I am accused of doing something I have never done - teach the national coach how to suck eggs - this is not my team but what I think will be Eddie Thomson's team.

## TOP

# 6

No one will be surprised by three of the teams that make up the CCSL top six. South Melbourne, Adelaide City and Marconi would have been in the predictions of the blindest and most reckless punter.

But what of the others? The Melbourne Knights, Sydney United and Sydney Olympic. Of that trio only Olympic, because they are a well-supported club if no other real reason, may have taken the fancy of some.

But surely not the Knights and not the Crows, Sure, we knew Viduka was a talent. Pondaljak has banged in a few in the past. And 'Stabber' Marth was a dominating, *Coca-Cola* Socceroo periphery type.

We knew, too, that Manfred is a good coach. That Kalac, Popovic and Stanton have potential. That Krslovic, not to mention Manis, have quite some talent.

But top six? No, not even - money. The Eagles, West Adelaide and Ratcliffe's resilient Wolves - who made it last year - were better bets.

Who, we could have asked, are the Cervinski brothers? And De Amicis. Nice name, but can he play? And Horvat. Good player, big lad. But is he a Zelic or Okon? And that other young, guy.

Bulja-something. Good kids. But just kids. And who is this bloke Bazic? What has he done, wherever he came from? Same with Manfred's mob. I mean Milicic. Good player, top scorer. But where? In the Youth League.

Ante Moric. Good Skills. Give him a couple of seasons and he might be a senior regular. But here we are, less than six months later, proved silly again. The Knights, with their unknown Cervinskis, romping their way to the premiership. And the young United, beating the arrogant pants off the Marconis, never being or looking worse than third.

No the key to the top six is not South Melbourne, Adelaide City and Marconi. Don't let's bore each other. You and I already know all three have the class and experience to win it, and so does everyone else.

The key is the other three. How good are they really? I will discount two of them as surefire winners. Sydney Olympic and Sydney United have both been spanked this season: Olympic walloped by the big seven at Marconi and United hit for six by their brothers, the Knights.

That kind of vulnerability makes them unsafe bets. Marconi are having problems which, the Arok factor notwithstanding, I don't think will leave them in the climactic struggle. Their lack of unison, because of injuries, absenteeism by rep players and the defection of Pelucchi, have done so much damage it may be too late.

South Melbourne remain equally vulnerable. The seven goal slaughter by Marconi last year will prey on them again. Their defence, so wobbly in recent games against the Knights and Brisbane, needs a big cure - and I did see the figures which show they have among the best defences in the league.

The teams I can fault the least are the Melbourne Knights - stunning consistency - and Adelaide City - magic timing, as usual.

They are my tips for the Grand Final.

Beyond which I will not go. Either will be an apt winner for me.

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**Mark Bosnich - Coca-Cola Socceroo**

**Spell-bound by the feats of Shane Warne, droves of youngsters are bowling up to cricket clinics around Australia, wanting to be leg-spinners. Similarly, the success of MARK BOSNICH, has swelled the ranks of hopeful goalkeepers at soccer clinics. Up until now, specialist goalkeeper coaching was the domain of the elite, but DAVID LOWDEN says authorities are falling over themselves to cash in on the unprecedented interest in "goalies."**

**D**epending on your definition of success, Australia is yet to foster a keeper who has made it at the tip level overseas. Having said that, the day we see a keeper graduate from the Coca-Cola Soccer League to Europe, may not be too far off.

No I haven't taken leave of my senses by forgetting to mention Mark Bosnich. He doesn't count as a homegrown keeper who's hit the big time.

Bosnich is a product, (and a very good one), of the English football system. He did a "Craig Johnston" and left Australia as a hopeful teenager. He learnt his trade with Manchester United on a student's visa before honing his skills with the Coca-Cola Young Socceroos at Portugal '91 and the Coca-Cola Olyroos in Barcelona.

On his return to England he linked up with Aston Villa where he has earned the respect of his peers and the adulation of millions. (Last month he was named the best goalkeeper in the Premier League).

Bosnich deserves all the adulation he receives because his talent is beyond argument. However, not every-



**Jim Kurtis - Brunswick Pumas**

# LOOKING FOR THE NEXT BOSNICH

one would have the courage or the determination, to fly to England with no guarantees.

The Australian Soccer Federation is moving quickly to institute programs which will develop a pool of talented goalies.

Up until now, the coaching system here has sadly overlooked the most important person in any side. Goalkeepers were recruited from the ranks of plays who couldn't hold down a position elsewhere on the park. It was left up to them to learn through trial and error.

It's incredible that out of that system there are now ten goalies earning a living overseas. Out of that group, as many as five could become the first Aussie to play a full national league season in Australia and then kick on in a first division team in Europe.

There can be no underestimating the value of the goalkeeper to a team. Australia would have been knocked out of the World Cup against Canada if it wasn't for Mark Schwartz's heroic penalty saves.

Importantly, twenty-one year old Schwartz does have a coach and he says its transformed him, both on and off the park. "He's helped a hell of a lot, particularly my technique and training but also in attitude."

Most CCSL clubs have a coach but their knowledge and teaching methods vary. To find the next Bosnich we need a formalised program which nurtures and identifies talented youngsters.

At present, any child with their heart set on learning the art of goalkeeping, would have to make do with limited tuition at a general soccer clinic.

However, all that is about to change. The A.S.F. is about to begin a specific goalkeeping course which will standardise what is taught at clinics and provide coaches with specific goalkeeping accreditation.

The ASF's National Development Officer, Steve Darby, (who was himself an apprentice goalkeeper in England) says Australia my become a world leader in goalkeeper training. "We believe this course could be one of the first of its kind in the world, Mark Bosnich's success has sparked a new enthusiasm and it's important we have properly trained coaches who can reach kids at the grass roots level. If we can get them at an early age and show them the best techniques, we'll get more Bosnicks."

Also tapping into the Bosnich-inspired surge in goalkeeping is Martin Reusch, a Sydney based manufacturer of goalkeeper's apparel. Perhaps he is just trying to broaden the market, but Reusch has organised the first series of clinics using the state of the art equipment. He has imported from Germany a ball machine (not unlike those used in tennis) to fire soccer balls at different speeds and angles in quick succession.

The clinics are run by goalkeepers currently playing in the Coca-Cola Soccer League. Mark Schwartz has been taken by the enthusiasm. "A lot of the kids came up to me and said they saved a penalty and that's really good. Usually when you're young you just want to kick a ball around the park."

On a bad day goalkeepers are the villains. Mark Bosnich has shown they can also be heroes.

**David Miller - Melbourne Knights (above right)**  
**Mark Schwarzer - Marconi Fairfield**



# HOT SHOTS



## BEHIND FOREIGN LINES

There are few traditional rivalries to compete with that fought out between South Melbourne and Sydney Olympic. And there are few journeys Olympic fears more than the one into the lion's den at Melbourne Middle Park, a ground where they've won just twice since 1977. They don't get much bigger than this.

Clockwise from below:

## CONTRASTING FORTUNES

1. Wollongong City keeper Brett Hughes asks the questions of his defence yet again in a season when the Wolves failed to make it three successive finals appearances.

2. Zero's in towards his target.

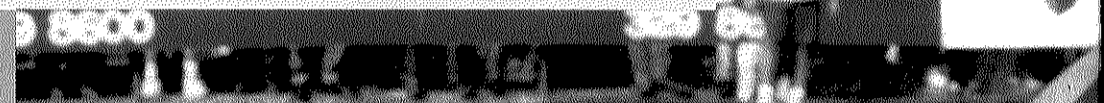
## 3. TOUGH ENOUGH?

There's no place for the faint of heart when the big boys of the CCSL come out to party

4. South Melbourne youngster Steve Panopoulos comes to grips with his Olympic opponent in unorthodox fashion. Kids, don't try this one at home.

5. Symbolic of the respect the Morwell Falcons earned in the summer of 93/94, gun signing John Markovski stands tall, powerful and broad-shouldered as he prepares to unleash another thunderbolt.

6. And Francis Awaritife gets some close attention as he tries the same at the other end.



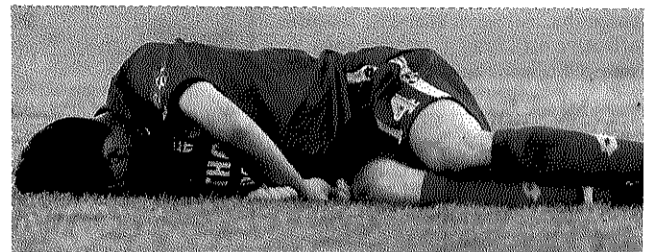
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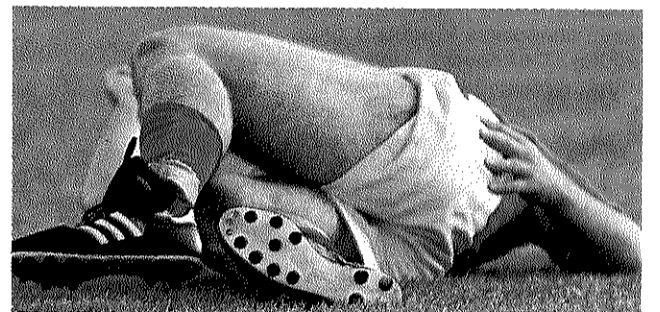
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A GROWN MAN CRY**



**STEAM**



**ROLLED**



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# NATIONAL YOUTH

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

### ROUND 11

**South Melbourne v Preston** (not played); **Melbourne Pumas 5** (Ross Aloisi 3, Daniel Genovese, Anthony Budini) **Melbourne Knights 1** (Ante Juric); **Doncaster Rovers v Heidelberg United** (not played); **Morwell Falcons 2** (Carlo Villani, own goal) **VIS 3** (Nick Lazarevski 2, Ozan Fehmi) **Sunshine George Cross 3** (Arthur Tsirtsakis, Alan Muscat, Robert Stojilkovski); **Altona Gate 2** (Andrew Bozinov, Lupco Dimovski) **Bulleen 1** (Pat Siclari) **Springvale City 1** (Pasquale Grella); **North Geelong 1** (Mijo Trupkovic) **Albion 0**; **Doncaster Rovers 2** (Anthony Napolitano, Neil Wallace) **Heidelberg United 3** (Michael Curcija, Eric Vassiliadis, Andrew Vlahos); **South Melbourne 1** (Steve Panopoulos) **Preston 1** (Zlatko Ilevski)

### ROUND 12

**Altona Gate 2** (Chris Papamihail, Tony Talevski) **North Geelong 3** (Ivan Skoko, Ivan Colak, David Filipovic); **VIS 2** (Chris Sterjovski, Danny Madarovsky) **Sunshine George Cross 3** (Robert Stojilkovski, Arthur Tsirtsakis, own goal); **Heidelberg United 2** (Michael Curcija 2) **Morwell Falcons 3** (Vasco Trpevski 2, Carlo Villani); **Melbourne Knights 1** (Paul Magdic) **Doncaster Rovers 1** (Anthony Napolitano); **Preston 4** (Michael Angelovski 2, David Stambolziev, Jani Dimitrovski) **Melbourne Pumas 1** (John Maisano); **Springvale City 1** (Antonio Spina) **South Melbourne 6** (Theo Mihaloglou 4, Con Komilionis, George Lenetis); **Albion 0** **Bulleen 3** (Damian Everetts 2, Peter Di Iorio)

### ROUND 13

**South Melbourne 3** (Bill Damianos 2, George Goutzioulis) **Albion 3** (David Maglovski, Enver Osman, Ramadan Osman); **Morwell Falcons 2** (Carlo Villani, Juan Nilo) **Melbourne Knights 4** (Vaughan Coveney 4); **Brunswick Pumas 10** (Sash Becvinovski 5, John Damiano 2, Paul Donnelly, Artur Krishian, Anthony Buschini) **Springvale City 1** (Richard Varga); **North Geelong 2** (Ivan Skoko, Adrian Begg) **Bulleen 1** (Peter Groidis); **Sunshine George Cross 3** (Allan Muscat, Saso Markovski, Greg Georgakakis) **Heidelberg United 2** (Michael Curcija, George Georgiadis); **Altona Gate 0** **VIS 7** (Nick Lazarevski 3, Chris Sterjovski, Tony Sterjovski, Stefan Oter, Vince Grella); **Doncaster Rovers 1** (Anthony Napolitano) **Preston 2** (Michael Angelovski, Steven Nedanovski); **Bulleen 5** (Lewis Bianco 3, Jamie Prinsen 2) **Doncaster Rovers 0**

### ROUND 14

**Springvale City 2** (David Grella 2) **Doncaster Rovers 2** (John Berdenis, Arthur Haikalis); **Heidelberg United 2** (Steve Josifidis 2) **Altona Gate 1** (Peter Stojcevski); **Melbourne Knights 2** (Krunoslav Razov, Paul Magdic) **Sunshine George Cross 2** (Allan Muscat, Dale Theuma); **Preston 0** **Morwell Falcons 3** (own goal, Jason Koppen, James Alesi); **Albion 2** (Lev Osman, Eddie Carlos) **Brunswick Pumas 1** (Daniel Genovese); **Bulleen 1** (Peter Groidis) **South Melbourne 2** (Steve Panopoulos, John Verikakis); **North Geelong 1** (Mijo Trupkovic) **VIS 5** (Nick Lazarevski 3, Tom Pondeljak, Andy Vargas)

### ROUND 15

**Morwell Falcons 8** (Juan Nilo 2, Jorge Nilo 2, Justin Irvine, James Alesi, Nick La Penta, Justin Geri)

## NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE LADDERS

### Southern Division

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Melbourne	21	16	4	1	68	18	52
VIS	21	16	1	4	59	26	49
Heidelberg United	21	15	1	5	57	27	46
Brunswick Pumas	21	14	2	5	67	21	44
Morwell Falcons	21	11	2	8	62	34	35
Melbourne Knights	21	10	4	7	48	36	34
Bulleen	21	8	6	7	38	30	30
Preston	21	8	5	8	43	39	29
Altona Gate	21	8	0	13	37	56	24
North Geelong	21	7	2	12	34	60	23
Springvale City	21	5	2	14	28	71	17
Sunshine George Cross	21	4	4	13	32	66	16
Albion	21	4	2	15	27	63	14
Doncaster Rovers	21	2	3	16	19	72	9

### Northern Division

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney United	17	14	1	2	44	11	43
Sydney Olympic	18	11	5	2	38	24	38
AIS	14	7	3	4	40	18	24
Wollongong City	17	6	5	6	28	25	23
Marconi Academy	17	7	2	8	36	36	23
Parramatta Eagles	16	6	4	6	28	25	22
Marconi Fairfield	19	6	4	9	33	52	22
Newcastle BHP	16	6	3	7	28	27	21
Queensland Academy	17	6	3	8	28	28	21
Sydney Olympic Colts	17	6	3	8	30	31	21
Parramatta Colts	16	4	2	10	20	40	14
ACT Academy	16	2	3	11	19	55	9

### South Australian Division (Final)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Adelaide Sharks	10	8	0	2	28	7	24
Eastern Giants	10	5	3	2	17	11	18
Adelaide City	10	5	1	4	21	13	16
Southern Dolphins	10	4	1	5	13	19	13
Northern Rangers	10	3	2	5	11	23	11
Western Wallabies	10	1	1	8	11	26	4

**Springvale City 1** (David Grella); **South Melbourne 3** (Theo Mihaloglou, Alex Kiratzoglou, own goal) **North Geelong 0**; **Brunswick Pumas 2** (Sebastian Emmanuele, Daniel Genovese) **Bulleen 1** (John Gasparini); **Doncaster Rovers 4** (Tony Zlatanovski 2, Anthony Napolitano, Jim Kermanidis) **Albion 1** (Khan Kalayci); **Sunshine George Cross 0** **Preston 1** (Nick Cuculevski); **Altona Gate 3** (Lou Dimovski 2, Henry Velkovski) **Melbourne Knights 1** (Bozo Mikulic); **VIS 0** **Heidelberg United 5** (Michael Panopoulos 2, Michael Curcija, Lee Tsoumerkas, Andrew Vlahos)

### ROUND 16

**Morwell Falcons 3** (Juan Nilo, Simon Schembri, John Waddell) **Albion 1** (Khan Kalayci); **Brunswick Pumas** (Mauro Sasso) **1** **South Melbourne 1** (Con Anthopoulos); **Doncaster Rovers** (Robert Liparotto) **1** **Bulleen 1** (Jamie Prinsen); **Sunshine George Cross 1** (Arthur Tsirtsakis) **Springvale City 2** (Adrian Rosa, Tony Spina); **Altona Gate** (Andrew Bozinov, Henry Velkovski) **2** **Preston 1** (Alex Nikolov); **VIS 4** (Nick Lazarevski 2, Tom Pondeljak, Chris Sterjovski) **Melbourne Knights 1** (Luciano Stolica); **Heidelberg United 4** (Michael Curcija 2, George Peppas 2) **North Geelong 1** (Ivan Colak)

### ROUND 17

**South Melbourne 3** (Evan Carey 2, Steve Panopoulos) **Doncaster Rovers 0**; **Melbourne Knights** (Damir Grganovic) **1** **Heidelberg United 0**; **Preston 0** **Victorian Institute of Sport 3** (Chris Sterjovski 2, Nick Lazarevski); **Springvale City 1** (Tony Spina) **Altona Gate 3** (Henry Velkovski, Andrew Bozinov, Lou Dimovski); **Albion 1** (Enver Osman) **Sunshine George Cross 1** (Greg Georgakakis); **Bulleen 2** (Pasquale

Siclari, Dario Marino) **Morwell Falcons 4** (John Waddell 2, Carlo Villani, James Alesi); **North Geelong 0** **Brunswick Pumas 8** (Daniel Genovese 4, Mauro Sasso, David Della Rocca, Martin Iaccone, Anthony Buschini)

### ROUND 18

**Morwell Falcons 0** **South Melbourne 1** (Theo Mihaloglou); **Doncaster Rovers 0** **Brunswick Pumas 8** (Robert Popovski 3, Rino Minichiello 2, Sasha Nikolic, Mauro Sasso, Martin Iaccone); **Sunshine George Cross 0** **Bulleen 3** (Jamie Prinsen, Lewis Bianco, Peter Di Iorio); **Altona Gate 2** (Steve Bogdanovski 2) **Albion 0**; **VIS 5** (Nick Lazarevski 3, Tony Sterjovski, Ozan Fehmi) **Springvale City 1** (Sasha Milenkovic); **Heidelberg United 3** (Taki Nicolaidis, Michael Tyrikos, John Kollevris) **Preston 2** (own goal, Michael Angelovski); **Melbourne Knights 3** (Luciano Stolica, John Jelincic, Steve Kasun) **North Geelong 1** (Mijo Trupkovic)

### ROUND 19

**Springvale City 3** (Tony Spina, Tony Lettieri, Joe Kamberov) **Heidelberg United 5** (Michael Tyrikos 2, Michael Curcija 2, Tom Karapatsos); **South Melbourne 8** (George Goutzioulis 2, Mike Utting, Alex Kiratzoglou, Mike Petersen, Con Komilionis, John Verikakis, Evan Carey) **Sunshine George Cross 2** (Arthur Tsirtsakis, Sasha Markovski); **Preston 3** (Bill Stavrevski, Steve Nedanovski, Jani Dimitrievski) **Melbourne Knights 2** (Ivan Colina, Steve Kasun); **Albion 1** (Lev Osman) **VIS 3** (Nick Lazarevski 3); **Bulleen 4** (David Iebbiani 2, Michael Nasso, Peter Groidis) **Altona Gate 1** (Zdravko Atanasovski); **North Geelong 2** (Grgo Saric, Mate Dulic) **Doncaster Rovers 0**; **Brunswick Pumas 1** (Daniel Genovese) **Morwell Falcons 1** (Dean Vella)

### ROUND 20

**Morwell Falcons 11** (Carlo Villani 3, Juan Nilo 3, James Alesi 2, Marcus Stergiopoulos 2, Jason Koppen) **Doncaster Rovers 1** (Paul Brincat); **Sunshine George Cross 2** (Arthur Tsirtsakis, Gus dos Santos) **Brunswick Pumas 4** (Daniel Genovese 3, Anthony Boschini); **Altona Gate 0** **South Melbourne 6** (John Verikakis 2, Evan Carey, Steve Panopoulos, Con Harbis, George Goutzioulis); **VIS 4** (Nick Lazarevski 2, Tony Sterjovski, Dragi Nastevski) **Bulleen 2** (Lewis Bianco, Carlo Mason); **Heidelberg United 4** (Michael Curcija 2, Peter Tiktikakis, John Kollevris) **Albion 0**; **Melbourne Knights 3** (Mark Silic, Ante Juric, Zoran Kostovski) **Springvale City 2** (Tony Spina, Tony Lettieri); **Preston 6** (Jani Dimitrievski 4, Steve Nedanovski 2) **North Geelong 0**

### ROUND 21

**Springvale City 2** (Adrian Rosa, Richard Varga) **Preston 6** (Steve Nedanovski 3, Zlatko Donev, Jani Dimitrievski, Robert Lacovski); **South Melbourne 0** **VIS 0**; **Brunswick Pumas 3** (Daniel Genovese 2, Mauro Sasso) **Altona Gate 0**; **Doncaster Rovers 0** **Sunshine George Cross 1** (Sasha Markovski); **Albion 0** **Melbourne Knights 7** (Krunoslav Razov 3, Mark Silic 2, Steve Kasun, Damir Grganovic); **Bulleen 2** (Peter Di Iorio, Pasquale Siclari) **Heidelberg United 3** (Sam Cohadzic, Michael Curcija, Michael Tyrikos); **North Geelong 1** (Mijo Trupkovic) **Morwell Falcons 2** (Carlo Villani, Simon Schembri)

## NORTHERN DIVISION

### ROUND 12

**Sydney Olympic Colts 0** **Sydney United 2** (Jermen, Babic); **Marconi Fairfield 0** **Parramatta Eagles 0**; **Parramatta Colts 2** (Trimboli, Riches) **Newcastle BHP 4** (McKinna 2, Middleby, James); **Sydney Olympic 3** (Buonavoglia 3) **ACT Academy 1** (Perry)

### ROUND 13

**Sydney United 4** (K Okon, Zmire, Jermen, Bilokapic) **Marconi Academy 1** (Escobar); **Newcastle BHP 1** (James) **Queensland Academy 0**; **Sydney Olympic Colts 4** (Maloney 2, Bakafoukas, Lee) **Marconi Fairfield 2** (M Mihaljovic, Z Mihaljovic); **ACT Academy 3** (Nelson, Russell, Richards) **Wollongong City 2**

### ROUND 14

**Sydney United 7** (Jermen 3, Babic 2, Rudan, Jurilj) **Marconi Fairfield 3** (M Mihaljovic, Angelluchi, Marra); **Marconi Academy 5** (Escobar, Harris, Ashford, Bosevski) **ACT Academy 0**; **Parramatta Colts 3** (Ardone 2, Portelli) **Parramatta Eagles 0**

### ROUND 15

**Newcastle BHP 1** (Sharpe) **Wollongong City 1** (Guido); **Marconi Fairfield 1** (Mihaljovic) **AIS 6** (Naglieri 2, Ristevski, Simunic, Garcia, Sime); **Parramatta Colts 2** (Robertson, Portelli) **Sydney Olympic 1** (Poimer); **Parramatta Eagles 5** (Hathornthwaite 3, Adioski 2) **Queensland Academy 0**; **ACT Academy 0** **Sydney United 3** (Babic, Moore)

### ROUND 16

**Newcastle BHP 1** (Bailey) **Marconi Academy 2** (Harris 2); **Sydney Olympic Colts 3** (Vesos 2, Bakafoukas) **Queensland Academy 1** (Evans); **Marconi Fairfield 5** (Iocca 3, Sharpe, McGuire) **Parramatta Colts 1**

(Lester); **AIS 0** **Sydney United 1** (Graham); **Parramatta Eagles 2** (Huxley, own goal) **Sydney Olympic 2** (Tome, Buonavoglia); **Wollongong City 1** (Surjan) **AIS 1** (Aybutt)

### ROUND 17

**Wollongong City 2** (Morris 2) **Parramatta Eagles 0**; **Queensland Academy** (Evans) **1** **Marconi Fairfield 1** (Casserley); **AIS 1** (Simunic) **Parramatta Colts 1** (Lester); **ACT Academy 2** (Castro, Nelson) **Sydney Olympic 2** (Navarette, Nikas)

### ROUND 18

**Marconi Fairfield 1** (Holdsworth) **Sydney Olympic 2** (own goal, Buonavoglia); **Parramatta Colts 0** **Sydney United 4** (Islas, Piesa, Graham, Gibson); **AIS 0** **Queensland Academy 1** (Collins); **Parramatta Eagles 3** (Nielson, Sprod, Meilak) **Marconi Academy 3** (Bosevski 2, Escobar); **Sydney Olympic Colts 3** (Krithinakis, Bakafoukoas, Battisti) **Wollongong City 2** (Callahan, Luff); **ACT Academy 1** (Conlon) **Newcastle BHP 3** (Sharpe, Dewhurst, James)

### ROUND 19

**Wollongong City 2** (White, Luff) **Marconi Fairfield 2** (Timpano, Skateric); **Queensland Academy 6** (Collins 2, Hillier 2, Evans, Hews) **Parramatta Colts 4** (Lester, Portelli, Cicek, Haythornthwaite); **Sydney Olympic Colts 1** (Battisti) **Marconi Academy 3** (Harris 2, Bosevski); **Sydney Olympic 2** (Lee, Buoglavilia) **AIS 2** (Naglieri, Carter); **Sydney United 4** (Babic 2, Moore, Moric) **Newcastle BHP 1** (Zane)

### ROUND 20

**Marconi Fairfield 0** **Marconi Academy 4** (Cetincic 2, Harris, Gomez); **AIS 1** (Naglieri) **Wollongong City 0**; **ACT Academy 1** (Esposito) **Sydney Olympic Colts 5** (Poimer 3, Fernandez, Botzolis); **Sydney United 2** (Green, Zec) **Queensland Academy 0**

### ROUND 21

**Newcastle BHP 0** **Parramatta Eagles 1** (Dowling); **Wollongong City 2** (Krishna, White) **Parramatta Colts 1** (Lewis); **Marconi Academy 1** (Harris) **AIS 3** (Carter 2, Bilokapic); **ACT Academy 3** (Castro, Campagna, Phommareissy) **Marconi Fairfield 4** (Vrankovic 2, McGuire, Guisso); **Sydney Olympic 2** (Petraos 2) **Queensland Academy 0**

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

### ROUND 11

**Eastern Giants 1** **West Adelaide 4** (Brazzale, Giorginas, Mesensof, Konstandopoulos); **Northern Rangers 2** (McCombie, Nicholls) **Western Wallabies 1** (Lovric)

### ROUND 12

**Adelaide City 0** **Southern Dolphins 1** (Huybregts); **Adelaide City 4** (Giovaniello 2, Foster 2) **Western Wallabies 0**; **Northern Rangers 1** (Vougamalis) **Southern Dolphins 3** (Kolár 2, Williams)

### ROUND 13

**West Adelaide 2** (Vilios, Tsekinis) **Western Wallabies 1** (Cerracchio); **Southern Dolphins 0** **Eastern Giants 1** (Jones)

### ROUND 14

**West Adelaide 0** **Adelaide City 2**; **Western Wallabies 1** **Eastern Giants 5** (Moraitis 3, Salavoutas, Papa)

# YOUTH LEAGUE



South Melbourne is the minor premier in the National Youth League Southern Division for 1993-4, rounding off the home and away matches with a nine-nil romp against Albion. Runner-up is the VIS, which qualifies for the finals in its second season, after missing out in the very last round in 1992-3. The other two play-off spots were taken by Heidelberg United and the Brunswick Pumas.

In the Northern Division it is Sydney Olympic's title by three points from Sydney United, with the Australian Institute of Sport running third and Parramatta Eagles gaining the last play-off berth. Olympic and United had been the front-runners with the AIS struggling to overcome a huge backlog of fixtures following a highly successful trip to Venezuela.

West Adelaide completed back-to-back titles in South Australia, beating the Eastern Giants in the Grand Final by three goals to nil, after getting there by winning the Preliminary Final by two-nil against Adelaide City. The Giants' success showed that the regional representative concept worked, giving some quality opposition for the National League Youth teams.

Michael Curcija of Heidelberg United was top scorer in the Southern Division, fulfilling an ambition he set himself at the start of the season. He won from Nick Lazarevski of the Victorian Institute of Sport, who was overseas scoring goals for the Young Socceroos in Holland as the season concluded. Evangelos Petratos of Sydney Olympic Colts was top scorer in the Northern Division. He finished just ahead of Zeljko Babic of Sydney United and Jeremy Harris of Marconi.

by Roy Hay

## SOUTHERN DIVISION

### ROUND 22

**Springvale City 3** (Raymond Chrystal, Stefan Rudski, Tony Lettieri) **North Geelong 2** (Mario Kordic, Mijo Trupkovic) **Tony Lettieri** **Preston 3** (Steve Nedanovski, Robert Lacovski, David Stambolziev) **Albion 0** (Steve Nedanovski, Robert Lacovski, David Stambolziev) **Sunshine George Cross 0 v Morwell Falcons 4** (Justin Geri 2, Juan Nilo, Jason Koppen) **Altona Gate 7** (Andrew Bozinov 3, Zdravko Atanasovski 2, Peter Stojceviski, Dragi Koleski) **Doncaster Rovers 2** (Veyis Haydar, Gianni Sciarone) **VIS 2** (Nick Lazarevski 2) **Brunswick Pumas 2** (John Damiano, Mauro Sasso) **Heidelberg United 1** (Michael Tyrikos) **South Melbourne 0 Melbourne Knights v Bulleen** (Match not played, pitch unfit)

### ROUND 23

**Morwell Falcons 1** (Alex Djordjevic) **Altona Gate 0 South Melbourne 2** (Con Harbis, John Verikakis) **Melbourne Knights 4** (Ivan Colina, Damien Vojtek, John Jelincic, own goal) **Brunswick Pumas 2** (John Maisano, Anthony Buschini) **Heidelberg United 1** (George Peppas) **Doncaster Rovers 1** (Marco Dalben) **VIS 5** (Danny Madarovski 2, Robert Liucci, Glen Bristow, Tony Sterjovski) **Albion 1** (George Tountas) **Springvale City 3** (David Grella, Tony Spina, Iness Oumachi) **Bulleen 2** (Lewis Bianco, Pasquale Siclari) **Preston 0 North Geelong 0 Sunshine George Cross 6** (Chris Papamihail 3, Sasha Markovski 3) **Springvale City 0 Bulleen 7** (Lewis Bianco 3, Pasquale Siclari, Jason Sartorel, Jamie Prinsen, Peter Groidis) **Altona Gate 1** (Zoran Cvetkovski) **Sunshine George Cross 1** (Arthur Tsirtsakis) **VIS 0 Morwell Falcons 0 Heidelberg United 8** (Michael Curcija 4, Michael Tyrikos, Tom

## FINAL LEAGUE LADDERS

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Melbourne	26	19	4	3	86	26	61
VIS	26	19	3	4	78	30	60
Heidelberg United	26	19	1	6	76	34	58
Brunswick Pumas	26	18	3	5	83	24	57
Morwell Falcons	26	14	3	9	74	38	45
Bulleen	26	12	7	7	60	32	43
Melbourne Knights	26	12	5	9	60	51	41
Preston	25	9	5	11	47	48	32
Altona Gate	26	10	1	15	49	66	31
North Geelong	26	8	2	16	41	80	26
Springvale City	26	7	2	17	36	90	23
Sunshine George Cross	26	5	5	16	43	83	20
Albion	26	4	2	20	30	88	14
Doncaster Rovers	25	2	3	20	26	99	9

### NORTHERN DIVISION

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Olympic	22	14	6	2	53	33	48
Sydney United	22	14	3	5	50	22	45
Aust. Institute of Sport	22	12	5	5	58	29	41
Parramatta Eagles	22	10	5	7	40	30	35
Qld. Academy of Sport	22	10	3	9	39	31	33
Marconi Academy	22	10	2	10	50	47	32
Wollongong City	22	8	5	9	37	37	29
Newcastle BHP	22	8	4	10	37	39	28
Sydney Olympic Colts	22	7	4	11	38	45	25
Parramatta Colts	22	4	5	13	30	58	17
ACT Academy of Sport	22	3	4	15	38	76	13

Karapatsos, Lee Tsoumerkas, George Peppas) **Doncaster Rovers 1** (Gianni Sciarone) **Melbourne Knights 0 Brunswick Pumas 3** (Daniel Genovesi, John Maisano, Mauro Sasso) **Preston 1** (Zlatko Donev) **South Melbourne 4** (John Verikakis 2, Jamie Skrepetis, Steve Panopoulos) **Albion 1** (Lev Osman) **North Geelong 4** (John Didulica 2, Mijo Trupkovic, own goal)

### Catch-up game ROUND 22

**Melbourne Knights 1** (Steve Kasun) **Bulleen 1** (Lewis Bianco)

### ROUND 25

**North Geelong 1** (own goal) **Altona Gate 4** (Dragi Koleski 2, Tony Talevski, Peter Stojceviski) **Morwell Falcons 1** (Carlo Villani) **Heidelberg United 4** (George Peppas 3, Michael Curcija) **South Melbourne 3** (John Verikakis 2, Con Harbis) **Springvale City 2** (Amadeo Rosa, Tony Lettieri) **Brunswick Pumas 3** (Mauro Sasso 2, Daniel Genovesi) **Preston 0 Doncaster Rovers 3** (Aristos Patrikis 2, Michael Brumali) **Melbourne Knights 7** (Damien Vojtek 3, Ilija Dragicevic, John Jelincic, Luc Stolica, Peter Grganovic) **Sunshine George Cross 1** (Sasha Markovski) **VIS 7** (Tony Sterjovski 3, Clayton Bell, Chris Sterjovski, Ozan Fahmi, Glen Bristow) **Bulleen 6** (Lewis Bianco 3, Peter Groidis 2, Peter Di Iorio) **Albion 1** (Yasar Atapek)

### ROUND 26

**Springvale City 0 Brunswick Pumas 6** (Daniel Genovesi 3, Anthony Buschini, John Damiano, Robert Popovski) **Preston v Doncaster Rovers** (Match not played) **VIS 5** (Danny Madarovski 2, Stefan Oter, Jack Androulidakis, Clayton Bell) **Altona Gate 0 Heidelberg United 5** (Michael Curcija 3, Tom Karapatsos, Michael Panopoulos) **Sunshine George Cross 3** (Arthur Tsirtsakis, Mario de la Plaza, Sasha Markovski) **Melbourne Knights 0 Morwell Falcons 6** (Carlo Villani 3, Juan Nilo 3) **Albion 0 South Melbourne 9** (John Verikakis 2, George Goutzioulis 2,

Evan Carey, Con Harbis, Phil Stubbins, Jamie Skrepetis, Bill Damianos) **Bulleen 6** (Pino Sette 2, Damien Everetts, Peter Groidis, Anthony Barbieri, Peter di Iorio) **North Geelong 0**

## NORTHERN DIVISION

### ROUND 22

**Sydney Olympic Colts 2** (Giekas, Smith) **Newcastle BHP 1** (Bailey) **ACT Academy 2** (Popovich, Perry) **Parramatta Eagles 3** (Morgan 2, Seniuk) **Queensland Academy 1** (Tollenware) **Wollongong City 0 Parramatta Colts 1** (Severino) **Marconi Academ 3** (Escobar 2, Harris) **Sydney Olympic 2** (Petratos 2) **Sydney United 2** (Babic, Rudan) **AIS 5** (Bilokapic 2, Carter, Vallas, McDermott) **ACT Academy 3** (Conlon 2, Castro) **Parramatta Eagles 1** (Cetinay) **AIS 2** (Paradsis 2)

### ROUND 23

**Wollongong City 1** (Callahan) **Sydney Olympic 3** (Katholos, Petratos, Nikas) **Newcastle BHP 3** (James 3) **Marconi Fairfield 0 Parramatta Colts 3** (Cicek 2, Portelli) **ACT Academy 3** (Castro 2, Conlon) **Marconi Academy 0 Queensland Academy 1** (Collins) **Sydney United 0 Parramatta Eagles 2** (Dowling 2) **AIS 5** (Naglieri 2, Garcia, Laybutt, Simunic) **Sydney Olympic Colts 2** (Vezos, Bakafoukas)

### ROUND 24

**Wollongong City 1** (Guido) **Sydney United 0 AIS 3** (Blatsis, Simunic, Naglieri) **Newcastle BHP 1** (McIlroy) **Parramatta Colts 1** (Portelli) **AIS 1** () **Queensland Academy v ACT Academy** (Postponed) **Sydney Olympic 5** (Petratos 2, Draganoudis, Bouglavilia, Vezos) **Marconi Academy 3** (Ghisso, Cetinic, Harris) **Sydney Olympic Colts v Parramatta Eagles**

### ROUND 25

**Newcastle BHP 1 v Parramatta Colts 1** **Marconi Academy 4** (Bosevski 3, McDonald) **Wollongong City 2** (Callaghan, McCulloch) **Parramatta Eagles 3** (Dowling, Haythornthwaite, A Cetinay) **Marconi Fairfield 1** (Angelucci) **Sydney United 2** (Burns, Kukucka) **Sydney Olympic Colts 2** (Vezos, Petratos) **Queensland Academy 4** (De Lange 2, Stachowics, Hilli) **ACT Academy 2** (Popovich, Castro) **ACT Academy v Sydney Olympic**

### ROUND 26

**ACT Academy 5** (Conlon 2, Campagna, Perry, Daglis) **Parramatta Colts 1** () **AIS 0 v Parramatta Eagles 0** **Marconi Academy 4** (Harris, Gomez, Iocca, Casserley) **Sydney United 2** (Lara, Milicevic) **Marconi Fairfield 3** (Marton, Ghisso, Marra) **Sydney Olympic Colts 2** (Battisti, Bove) **Queensland Academy 5** (Hilli 2, Tollewarries, Wood, Stachowitz) **Newcastle BHP 0 Wollongong City 5** (Guido 4, Luft) **ACT Academy 4** (Bennett, Esposito, Conlon, Castro)

## STH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION

### ELIMINATION SEMI-FINAL

**Adelaide City 3 v Southern Dolphins 2**

### MAJOR SEMI-FINAL

**Eastern Giants 1 v West Adelaide 0**

### PRELIMINARY FINAL

**West Adelaide 2** (Konstantopoulos, Lekkas) **Adelaide City 0**

### GRAND FINAL

**Eastern Giants 0 West Adelaide 3** (Konstantopoulos 2, Lekkas)

### TOP GOAL SCORERS Southern Division

Michael Curcija  
Heidelberg United 29

### NORTHERN DIVISION

Evangelos Petratos  
Sydney Olympic Colts 15

### PLAY-OFFS SOUTHERN DIVISION

**Sunday 3 April 1994**  
Elimination Semi-final

Heidelberg United v Brunswick Pumas

### Preliminary Semi-final

South Melbourne v Vic. Institute of Sport

### NORTHERN DIVISION

**Saturday 2 April 1994**  
Elimination Semi-final

AIS v Parramatta Eagles

**Sunday 10 April**  
Preliminary Semi-final

Sydney Olympic v Sydney United

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# GAMES

# Coca-Cola SOCCER LEAGUE

## ROUND 22

Bris Strikers 2 - Wollongong City 0  
Venue: Perry Park Crowd 2527  
Scorers: Slater (11), S. Cranney (87)  
Referee: John Fraser

Marconi Fairfield 4 - Melbourne Busc 0  
Venue: Marconi Stadium Crowd 3011  
Scorers: Talay (40), DeMarigny (58),  
Harper (70), Johnson (86)  
Referee: Neil Jones

Sydney Olympic 0 - Sydney United 0  
Venue: Leichardt Oval Crowd 5294  
Referee: Peter Spiers

Melb Knights 1 - West Adelaide 1  
Venue: Melb Croat Spts Centre  
Crowd: 2702  
Scorers: Marth (90), Cardozo (67)  
Referee: Gerard Connolly

Heidelberg Utd 2 - Sth Melbourne 3  
Venue: Olympic Village Crowd 8810  
Scorers: Vlahos (24), Gnjidic (70),  
Trimboli (5), Boutsianis (13),  
Awaritefe (22)  
Referee: Derek Crawford

P'matta Eagles 1 - Morwell Falcons 2  
Venue: Lavington Spts Ground-Albury  
Crowd 3250  
Scorers: G. Gunning (32), Sevin (70)  
Bothwell (81)  
Referee: John Papanicolas

Adelaide City 3 - Newcastle BHP 0  
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium Crowd 4259  
Scorers: Morei (20,78), Veart (31)  
Referee: Richard Lorenc

## ROUND 23

Wollongong City 0 - Sydney Olympic 2  
Venue: Brandon Park Crowd 3294  
Scorers: Kelic (3, 50)  
Referee: Neil Jones

Newcastle BHP 2 - Marconi Fairfield 2  
Venue: Mitre 10 Stadium Crowd 2413  
Scorers: Naumov (16), Spink (18),  
Harper (6), Taliadoros (7)  
Referee: Derek Crawford

Morwell Falcons 1 - Adelaide City 3  
Venue: Morwell Falcons Park Crowd  
3966  
Scorers: Armstrong (62), Veart (30, 39,  
89)  
Referee: Gerry Connolly

Melbourne Busc 2 - Heidelberg United 0  
Venue: Melb Croat Spts Centre Crowd  
1233  
Scorers: Mazzini (9), Tricarico (23)  
Referee: Peter Spiers

Sydney United 1 - Parramatta Eagles 1  
Venue: Syd Croatia Spts Centre Crowd  
5130  
Scorers: Krslovic (42), Gomez (55)  
Referee: Richard Lorenc

South Melbourne 1 - Melbourne Knights 1  
Venue: Middle Park Crowd 11830  
Scorers: Awaritefe (63), De Amicis (5)  
Referee: Robert Davies

West Adelaide 2 - Brisbane Strikers 1  
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium Crowd 4956  
Scorers: Cardozo (13), Brown (71),  
Hunter (89)  
Referee: Cain Naumcevski

## ROUND 24

Wollongong City 0 - Sydney United 0  
Venue: Brandon Park Crowd 2164  
Referee: J Papanicolas

Marconi Fairfield 2 - Morwell Falcons 3

## THE LADDER AT THE END OF THE 1993-94 Coca-Cola SOCCER LEAGUE

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MELBOURNE KNIGHTS	26	16	5	5	59	24	53
SOUTH MELBOURNE	26	13	8	5	39	20	47
SYDNEY UNITED	26	13	7	6	31	29	46
MARCONI FAIRFIELD	26	11	9	6	52	33	42
ADELAIDE CITY	26	11	8	7	48	27	41
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	26	11	8	7	40	37	41
MORWELL FALCONS	26	11	7	8	31	30	40
BRISBANE STRIKERS	26	10	6	10	28	25	36
WEST ADELAIDE	26	10	5	11	41	34	35
PARRAMATTA EAGLES	26	8	9	9	27	29	33
WOLLONGONG CITY	26	6	9	11	24	32	27
NEWCASTLE BHP	26	5	8	13	30	47	23
MELBOURNE BUSC	26	5	4	17	22	57	19
HEIDELBERG UNITED	26	3	5	18	19	67	14

Venue: Marconi Stadium Crowd 3461  
Scorers: Harper (pen 13, pen 38)  
Referee: Rob Davies

Heidelberg Utd 1 - Newcastle BHP 1  
Venue: Olympic Village Crowd 1170  
Scorers: McNicol (61), Roberts (25)  
Referee: Gerry Connolly

Melb Knights 2 - Melbourne Busc 1  
Venue: Melb Croat Spts Centre  
Crowd 2815  
Scorers: Biskic (14), Marth (50)  
Emmanuele (4)  
Referee: Chris Smyth

Brisbane Strikers 2 - South Melbourne 0  
Venue: Perry Park Crowd 2713  
Scorers: Pimblett (39), S. Cranney (63)  
Referee: Richard Lorenc

Sydney Olympic 3 - West Adelaide 1  
Venue: Leichardt Oval Crowd 5276  
Scorers: Kelic (21), Maloney (62, 89),  
Cerro (13)  
Referee: Derek Crawford

Adelaide City 2 - Parramatta Eagles 0  
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium Crowd  
5074  
Scorers: Veart (18), Lozanovski (34)  
Referee: John Fraser

## ROUND 25

Newcastle BHP 0 - Melbourne Knights 1  
Venue: Mitre 10 Stadium Crowd 2256  
Scorers: A Cervinski (79)  
Referee: Richard Lorenc

West Adelaide 0 - Wollongong City 2  
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium  
Crowd 2753  
Scorers: Lloyd (10), Grbevski (70)  
Referee: Rob Davies

Morwell Falcons 3 - Heidelberg United 1  
Venue: Morwell Falcons Park  
Crowd 3896  
Scorers: Markovski (20), Douglas (38),  
Armstrong (57), Michalakopoulos (61)  
Referee: Cain Naumcevski

Melbourne Busc 2 - Brisbane Strikers 0  
Venue: Melb Croat Spts Centre  
Crowd 773  
Scorers: Banini (32), Aloisi (pen 80)  
Referee: John Fraser

Sydney United 3 - Adelaide City 1  
Venue: Syd Croatia Spts Centre  
Crowd 4105  
Scorers: Lamond (23), Gibson (37)  
Milicic (82), Tobin (pen 44)  
Referee: Derek Crawford

South Melbourne 0 - Sydney Olympic 0

Venue: Middle Park Crowd 5200  
Referee: John Papanicolas

P'Matta Eagles 0 - Marconi Fairfield 3  
Venue: Melita Stadium Crowd 4282  
Scorers: Harper (32), Taliadoros (57),  
McCulloch (88)  
Referee: Gerry Connolly

## ROUND 26

Wollongong City 0 - South Melbourne 0  
Venue: Brandon Park Crowd 2097  
Referee: Gerry Connolly

Marconi Fairfield 1 - Adelaide City 1  
Venue: Marconi Stadium Crowd 3717  
Scorers: Corica (64), Mori (25)  
Referee: Richard Lorenc

Heidelberg Utd 0 - Parramatta Eagles 3  
Venue: Olympic Village Crowd 1054  
Scorers: Mendez (22), G Gunning (59)  
Renaud (78)  
Referee: John Rutter

Melb Knights 3 - Morwell Falcons 4  
Venue: Melb Croat Spts Centre Crowd  
3940  
Scorers: Biskic (62), Magdic (73), Vanis  
(75)  
Armstrong (17), Markovski (24, 30)  
Djordjevic (54)

## LEADING GOAL SCORERS

### VIDUKA Mark

KALIC Ivan  
VEART Carl  
BROWN Gregory  
SPINK Warren  
HARPER Andrew  
MARKOVSKI John  
AWARITEFE Francis  
CERVINSKI Adrian  
MARTH Andrew  
BROWN Rodney  
MULLEN Joe  
BOUTSIANIS Con  
ARMSTRONG Lauchlan  
CARDOZO Pablo  
LAMONDE Manis  
MILICIC Ante  
MORI Damien  
SOPER Marshall  
BISKIC Josip  
BLAIR Raymond  
JOHNSON Glenn  
MICHALAKOPOULOS Michael  
OLLENSHAW Scott  
PONDELJAK Oliver  
SLATER Chris  
TASIOS Steve

### Melbourne Knights

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Referee: John Papanicolas

Brisbane Strikers 1 - Newcastle BHP 0  
Venue: Perry Park Crowd 1615  
Scorers: Wright (46)  
Referee: Derek Crawford

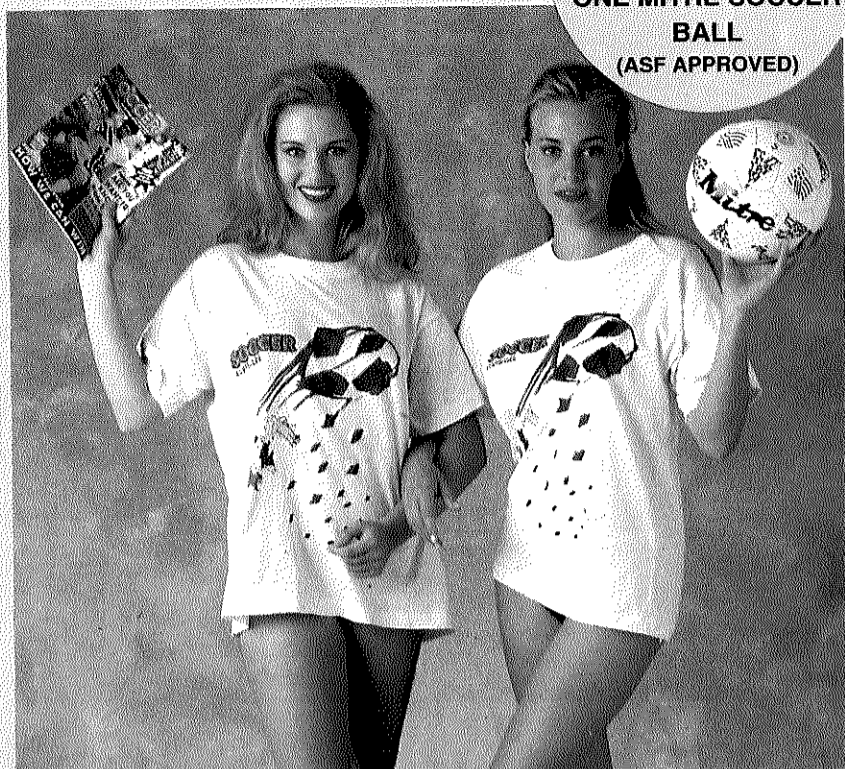
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Venue: St George Stadium Crowd 3175  
Scorers: Bernal (pen 89)  
Referee: Rob Davis

West Adelaide 3 - Sydney United 0  
Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium  
Crowd 2484  
Scorers: Blair (22), Brown (32, 62)  
Referee: John Fraser

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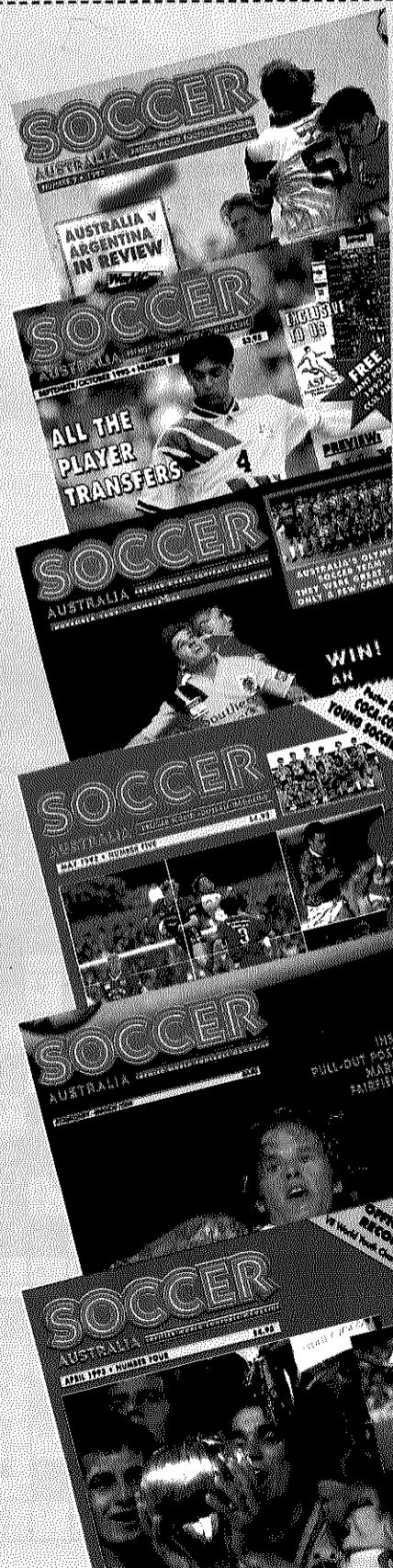
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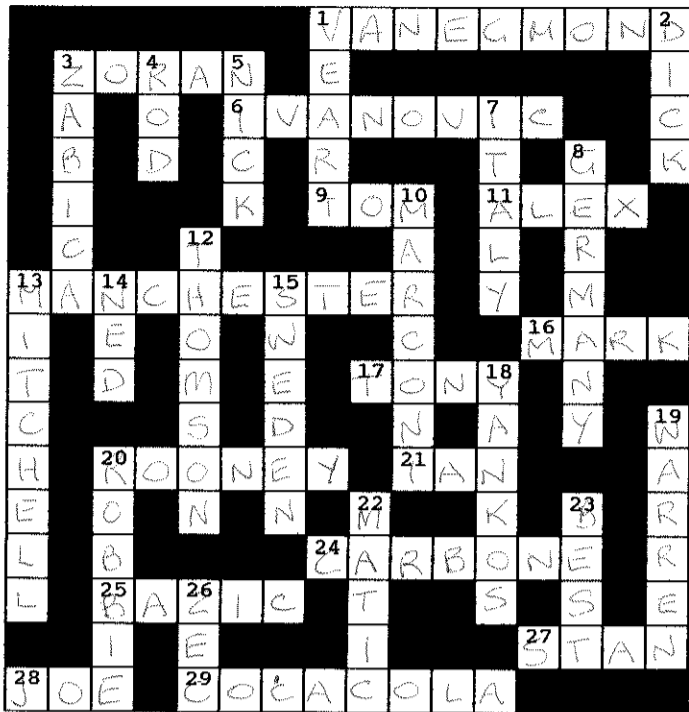
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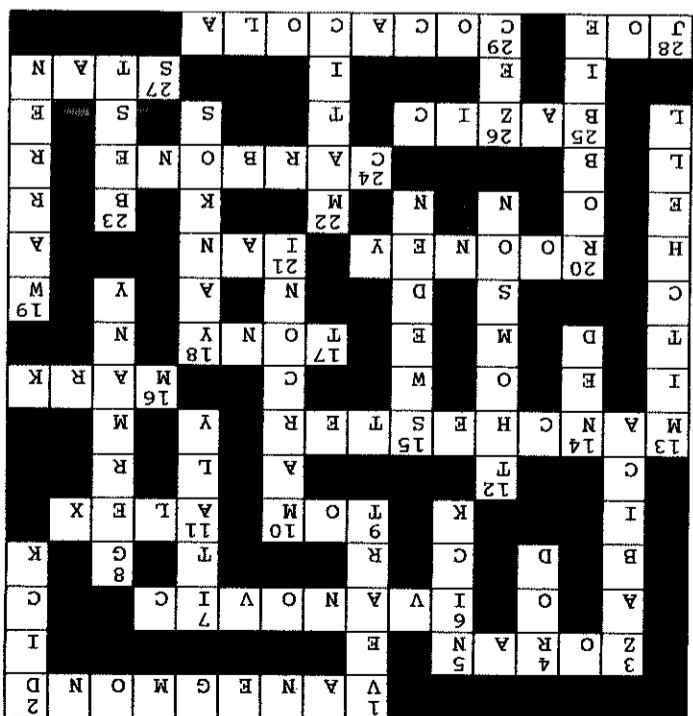


## ACROSS

1. Marconi player, first name Gary
3. First name, longest serving current coach in C CSL
6. Won Marston medal 1992
9. Haythornthwaite
11. Zebras player Tobin, first name
13. English club having great season
16. First name Bosnich
17. First name Coca-Cola Soccerroo, Vidmar
20. Player of the year 1977, no relation to Mickey
21. Marconi player Gray, first name
24. Young Coca-Cola Soccerroo sold to Nottingham Forest
25. Coach of the Melbourne Knights
27. First name West Adelaide player Lazaridis
28. Heidelberg's Palatsides, first name
29. National League Major sponsor

## DOWN

1. Adelaide City Striker
2. Heidelberg player with first name Alistair
3. Coca-Cola Soccerroo goalkeeper in Buenos Aires
4. Newcastle player Brown, first name
5. This joy plays for Newcastle
7. Country making its 14th World Cup appearance
8. Current world champions
10. Premiers 1993
12. Coach of the year 1984, Eddie
13. Quit Soccerroos but a hero at English club Swindon
14. Coca-Cola Soccerroo Zelic
15. Country hosting Womens World Championship 1995
18. Played 300 NSL games, now at Wollongong
19. Former top player, now commentator, first name Johnny
20. First name Tombolato from Brunswick
22. Adelaide City coach
23. English great, but not always so great
26. Sydney United player, Mathew



# news

## JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM DEBUT IN JUNE

World Cup USA 1994 and Junior Achievement has announced plans for its joint educational effort — The World Cup: Scoring Points for the Economy.

Junior Achievement middle school students in World Cup USA's nine venues will learn about the economic impact of the games on their local communities.

Beginning June 17 over 100,000 eighth-grade students will learn about the structure of the World Cup competition and explore its potential impact on their local economies.

The educational program will bring volunteers from the local business community into the student's classrooms. Through a series of fun, hands-on activities, these business leaders will demonstrate the

economic benefits of the games. The lesson plan, especially designed by a team of educators from Junior Achievement and World Cup USA 1994, is also available to Junior Achievement classes in non-venue cities.

Junior Achievement, by providing sequential, consistent, relevant lessons to students in the classroom, helps teach and inspire young people to value free enterprise, understand business and economics and prepare for the workplace.

## COMMEMORATIVE COINS

In a program that began with the international games, hosted in the United States last month, it has been announced that a World Cup USA Commemorative Silver Dollar will be used for all coin toss activities during U.S. National Team games prior to the World Cup.

"FIFA has also agreed to use a silver commemorative coin during the coin toss at each

of the 52 games of this summer's World Cup," said World Cup USA 1994 chairman, Alan I. Rothenberg.

The United States Mint will supply the coins for use in the coin toss at each game and will allow each referee to keep the coin as a memento of the occasion.

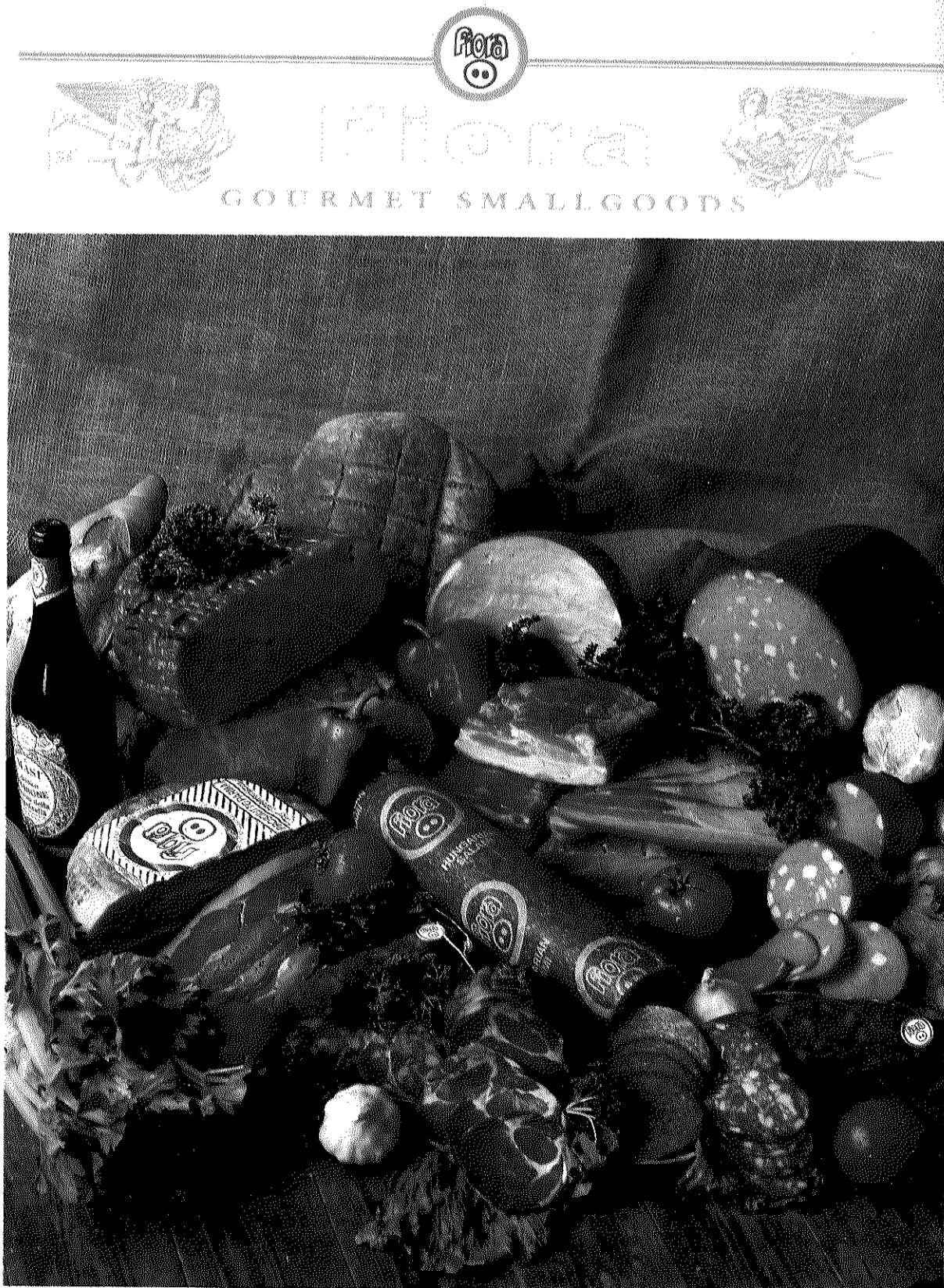
"The toss itself is one of several coin marketing activities we have planned at international games scheduled between now and the World Cup," said Rey Post, World Cup USA's consultant director of the commemorative coin program.

Other plans include distribution of U.S. Mint coin brochures and the possible availability of coin sales through on-site concession operations at each game.

## WORLD CUP POSTER

The Official World Cup Poster, designed by the renowned artist Peter Max, is now available to the general public.

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